NATIONAL QUIZ 4

国民クイズ

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STORY
SUGIMOTO REIICHI

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KATOH SHINKICHI

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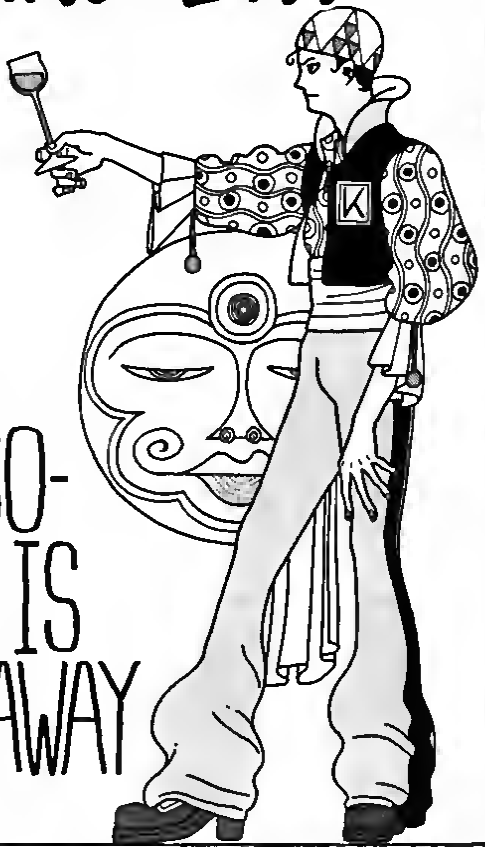
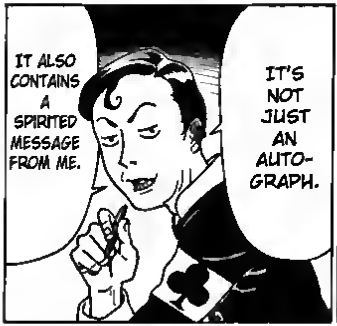
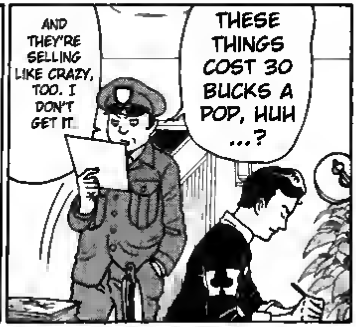


THE PRISONER IS LEDAWAY

THIS IS TAKING UP ALL OF MY FREE TIME...
ALMOST.

ARE YOU DONE YET?


IT'S NOT JUST AN AUTO-GRAPH.
IT ALSO CONTAINS A SPIRITED MESSAGE FROM ME.


THESE THINGS COST 30 BUCKS A POP, HUH ...?
AND THEY'RE SELLING LIKE CRAZY, TOO. I DON'T GET IT.

"Achieve Your Ambitions"

9,300 METERS. WE'RE GOING TO REACH THE OCEAN FLOOR FAIRLY SOON.
IT'S BEEN 3 HOURS SINCE WE STARTED DESCEND-ING... WHAT'S OUR CURRENT DEPTH?

THE WATER'S 1 DEGREE CELSIUS, OF COURSE IT'S GETTING COLD!
IT'S GETTING PRETTY COLD.
HEY! HANG IN THERE!!
UHH HHH H!!
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
HEY... HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO GO...? HE'S GOING TO DIE!
HUH
HUH
WE'RE TAKING ON WATER !!
WATER !!
!!

IT'S JUST CONDEN-SATION!!
SETTLE DOWN !!
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WE'RE APPROACH-ING THE OCEAN FLOOR.
COME ON EVERYONE, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO FIGHT.
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GET THE CAMERA READY!
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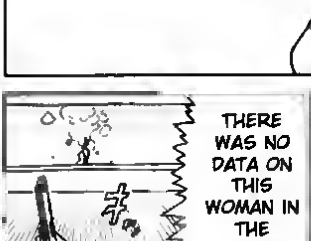
WHAT... IS THIS ...?
YEAH... ASH BLOWN OUT OF UNDERWATER VOLCANOES FALLS DOWN THE SLOPE AND ACCUMULATES ON THE OCEAN FLOOR.
TURBIDITES ?
IT'S ALL JUST MUD ... I DON'T SEE A CABLE ANYWHERE!
TURBIDITES.
SHIT ...
IT'S LIKE HUNTING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!
APPARENTLY... THIS IS GOING TO BE QUITE THE CHORE TO FIND IT.
THEN THE CABLE IS BURIED UNDERNEATH THIS SEDIMENT!?

THIS IS A PHOTO OF A SUSPICIOUS FEMALE ONE OF OUR SS OPERATIVES TOOK IN FRONT OF THE MANABE RESIDENCE!


THERE WAS NO DATA ON THIS WOMAN IN THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF ANTI-GOVERN-MENT GROUPS!

AND FROM HER MOVE-MENTS, IS THOUGHT TO BE A PROFES-SIONAL!
HER MOTIVES REMAIN UNCLEAR, BUT SHE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ICHIKO ...

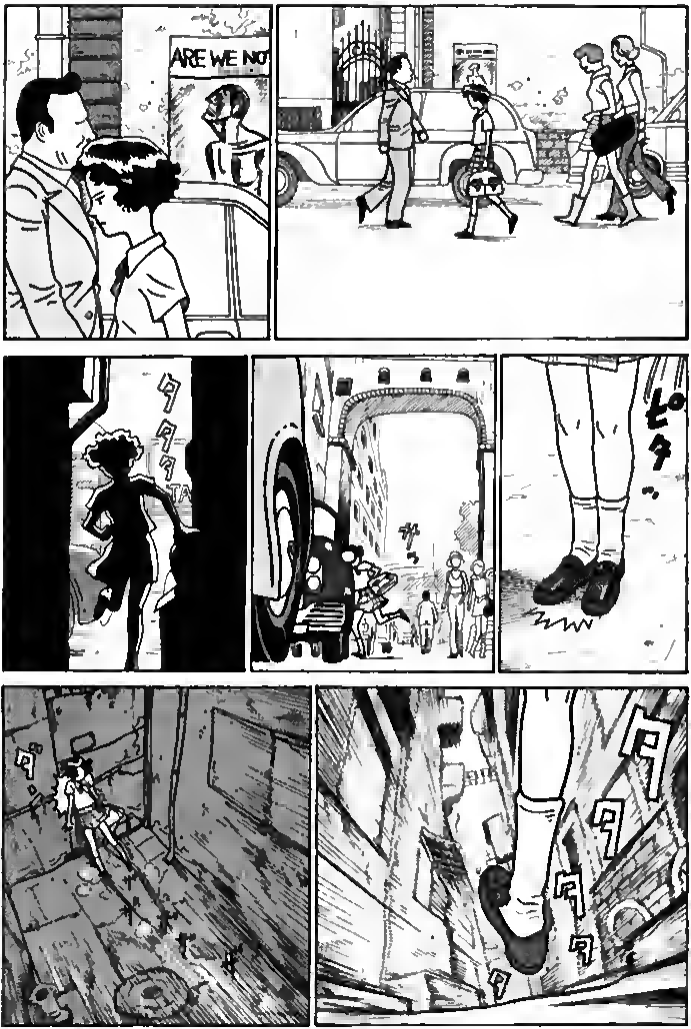
IF THAT IS INDEED TRUE, THIS WILL PROVE TO BE AN EXCELLENT EXCUSE TO POUND SADOGAJIMA!!
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS A VERY HIGH POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WOMAN IS A SPY FROM SADOGAJIMA!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND !?
TAKE YOUR POSI-TIONS!!

ALL MEMBERS PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR THE SITUATIONS THAT ARE BOUND TO COME! DO NOT PUT THE NAME OF THE SS TO SHAME!!
AIM!!
FIRE !!
NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOWCASE THE POWER OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!!

CAMERA! ANY-THING?
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO ASCEND TO THE SURFACE, WE CAN STAY DOWN HERE FOR MAYBE ANOTHER 2 HOURS...
NOTHING! CAN'T WE USE SONAR?
WHAT IF WE BLOW AWAY ALL THE MUD WITH THE PROPEL-LER!?
I KNOW!
NOPE. THE ECHOES GET DIFFUSED BY THE ACCRETIONARY PRISMS.
THE CABLE... I SEE THE CABLE...
H... HEY ...
OUT OF THE QUESTION! THE WATER WOULD GET SO MURKY IT'D BE IMPOS-SIBLE TO SEE ANYTHING.

WHAT !?
!?
N... NO... CHECK THE SECOND-ARY MONITOR ...
YOU'RE HALLUCINATING!! JUST SIT THERE AND REST!!
THE CABLE !!
!!
WE'RE LUCKY! WATER DRAWN IN BY THE OCEANIC PLATES IS BEING PUSHED OUT BY OF THE PRESSURE!!
GROUND-WATER !!
BUT WHY IS THAT ONE AREA SEDI-MENT-FREE!?

IT'S TOO EARLY TO LET OUR GUARD DOWN! THIS IS WHERE YOU REALLY SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT!!
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU'D HAVE A HAPPY ENDING IF YOU WERE WITH ME!!
SHUT UP! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!
YOU LOOK A LOT CUTER WHEN YOU SMILE, COLONEL!
HEHEHE, YOU FINALLY SMILED.


ARE WE NOT

STOP IT!

I KNEW IT, YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME.
HA.
I WAS TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU WERE A COLD-BLOODED BITCH.
WHAT A SCARY GIRL... IT WAS ALL AN ACT?
I WONDER IF DAD REALLY DOES TRUST YOU PEOPLE ...
THAT'S WHY I STOPPED YOU.
THAT WOULD DEPEND ON THE TIME AND SITUATION; I CAN'T LET YOU DIE NOW AND RISK HAVING K-I CHANGE HIS MIND.

DON'T WORRY; I ASSURE YOU WE'LL PROTECT K-I'S LIFE.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY USES FOR DAD WHEN YOUR PLAN IS OVER?
WE'RE GETTING ALONE FINE FOR NOW.
WHO KNOWS ?
HAHA... AND HOW EXACTLY DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT?
I WANT TO FIND OUT WITH MY VERY OWN EYES IF THOSE WORDS YOU JUST SPOKE ARE TRUE.
LISTEN ...
I'LL CONVINCE MOM!
LET ME JOIN YOU!

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CONNECTED
...
SET...
total number of brands of draft beer? In the movie "The Seven Samurai," how many grains of rice did Tsuchiya Yoshio throw in anger at Hidari Bokuzen? When Prime Minister Yoshida Shigeru visited the States to sign the San Francisco Peace Treaty
WELL ...?
THIS WILL LEAD TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!!
YES !!
THE QUESTIONS THEY USE ON THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
WE'RE GETTING THEM!!

LET'S SURFACE BEFORE WE FREEZE TO DEATH!
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S NO REASON TO KEEP HANGING AROUND HERE!
THAT WAS A JOB WELL DONE! THANK YOU!
GUH
SMACK
IDIOT!
IN THAT CASE ...
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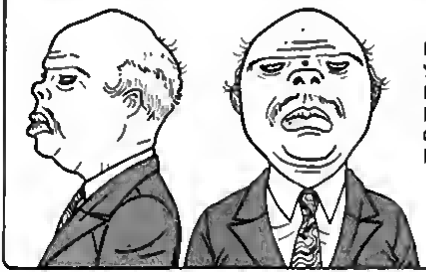
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC AUCTION
FOR THE SERVICES OF A HIGH-RANKING FORMER
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL



NAME: SUZUKI TOSHIO
YEARS OF SERVICE: 38
EDUCATION: GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, ENGINEERING FACULTY

REQUIREMENTS:
- PERSONAL CAR (DRIVER INCLUDED)
- SEXY SECRETARY
- MEMBERSHIP AT A PRESTIGIOUS GOLF CLUB

PRIMARY POSTS
MANAGER, ROAD PLANNING
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ROADS BUREAU

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A WORD FROM MR. SUZUKI

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I'VE WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION SITUATION IN JAPAN EVER SINCE I ENTERED THE MINISTRY, BUT MY MANDATORY RETIREMENT IS COMING UP NEXT MONTH, AND I WILL BE LOOKING TO FIND A SUITABLE GOLDEN PARACHUTE.

AS A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE ROADS BUREAU, THE CORPORATION WHICH HIRES MY SERVICES ...

WILL BE GETTING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS, AS PART OF THE PACKAGE DEAL.

I WILL GO TO WHICH-EVER COMPANY OFFERS ME THE HIGHEST SALARY!

I CAN GET YOU CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS TOO!

ALL YOU MAJOR GENERAL CONTRAC-TORS OUT THERE!

TO WIN CONTRACTS IN A COST-EFFICIENT MANNER, PLEASE BID ON OUR HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EX-BUREAUCRATS
-THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION-

PLEASE JOIN IN THE BIDDING ...

WELL, LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO THE ELIMINA-TION ROUND!!
CONTESTANTS WHO FAIL THIS ROUND ARE GUARANTEED TO BURN IN THE FIRES OF HELL!! HAHAHAHA!!
CHAPTER 34 FOUND IT!! END

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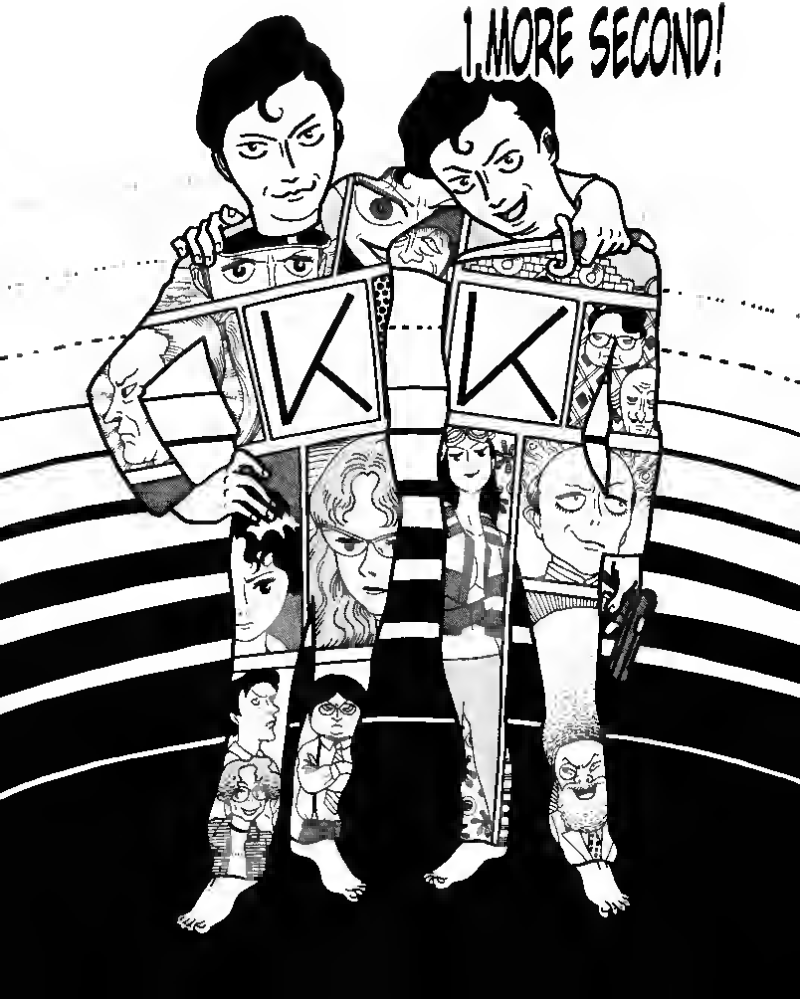
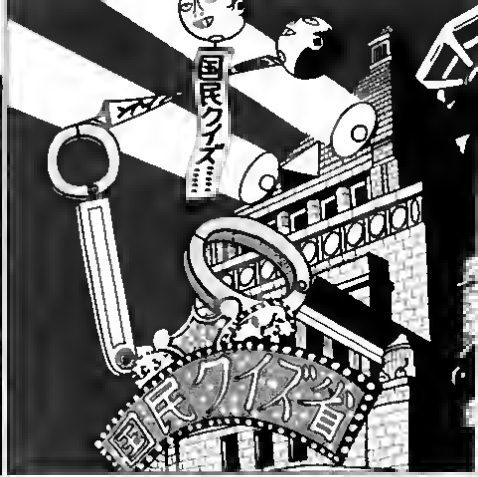
1 MORE SECOND!



THESE WERE SENT TO US BY ONE OF OUR OPERATIVES IN AUSTRALIA.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IT'S A FREIGHTER, CARRYING WHEAT TO THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC
HMM... THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO ME AS WELL. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

IT'S COLONEL YUKI, FROM THE SADOGA-JIMA REPUBLIC NATIONAL GUARD!
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PLEASE LOOK AT THE CLOSE-UP PHOTO OF THE I NDIVIDUAL STANDING ON THE DECK.
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FURTHERMORE, THIS SHIP VEERED OFF OF ITS PLANNED COURSE AND WAS ANCHORED IN JAPANESE WATERS FOR 2 FULL DAYS.
THEY REPORTED HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR RUDDER CONTROLS TO THE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY, BUT HEADED TO SADOGAJIMA SOON AFTER.
GRIT

Murakoshi
©SS TAI
MR. SECRETARY! WHY DON'T WE DRAW CAPTAIN MURAKOSHI OF THE SS TO OUR SIDE?
SADOGA-JIMA... WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO DO...!?
WOULD MURAKO-SHI REALLY SWITCH SIDES?
BUT...
CONSIDER-ING OUR IMMINENT CONFLICT WITH SADOGA-JIMA, THE MOBILITY OF THE SS IS BOUND TO COME IN HANDY!
?
IF WE CONVINCE HIM THAT THE CENTRAL DIRECTOR IS FADING FAST, AND PROMISE TO INCREASE THE JURISDICTION AND SIZE OF THE SS...
HE DOESN'T CARE WHOSE SIDE HE'S ON, AS LONG AS HE GETS TO WREAK HAVOC.

THERE ARE IN EVERY MAN, ALWAYS, TWO SIMULTANE-OUS ALLEGIANCES ...
BAUDE-LAIRE.
"INTIMATE JOURNAL" ...
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AND THE OTHER TO SATAN...
ONE TO GOD!!
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WHICH ONE WILL YOU PRAY TO!?
NOW !!
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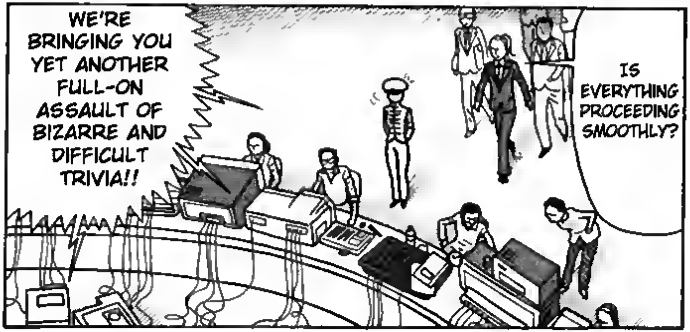
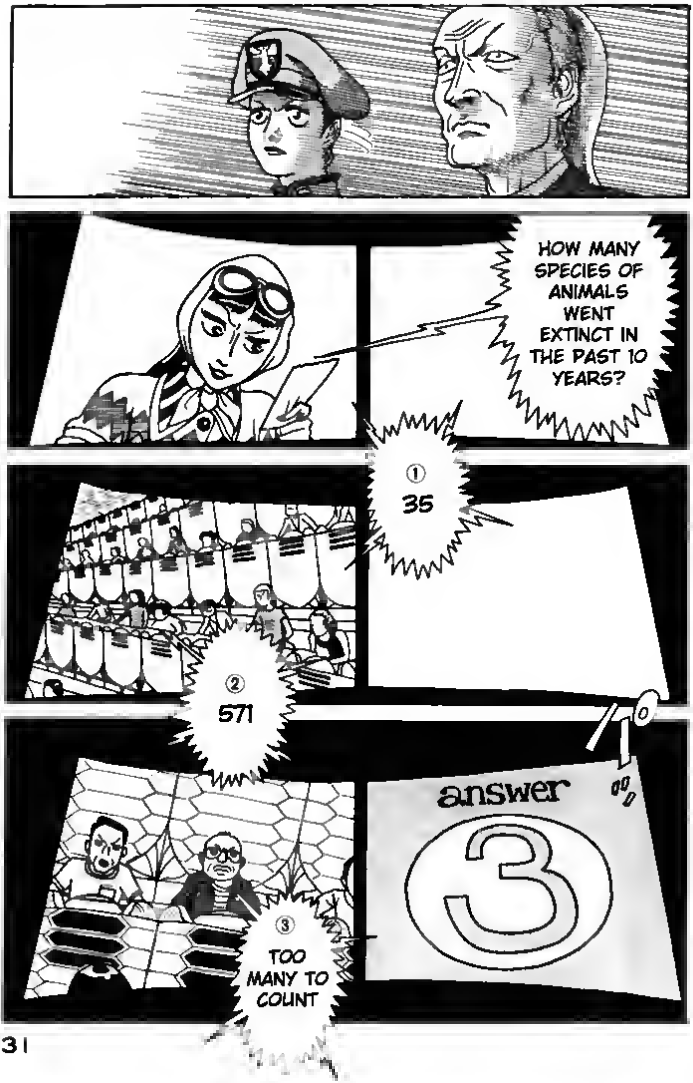
IT'S THE ELIMINATION ROUND!!

YES SIR!!
A-KO-CHAN! PLEASE READ OUT THE QUESTIONS !!
SADOGA-JIMA REPUBLIC QUIZ ANALYSIS HEAD QUARTERS


WE'RE BRINGING YOU YET ANOTHER FULL-ON ASSAULT OF BIZARRE AND DIFFICULT TRIVIA!!
IS EVERYTHING PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY?

HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION SENT FROM IWO JIMA TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY EXCEEDS 100,000 QUESTIONS A DAY.
YES. WE'VE INTERCEPTED ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE USED TODAY.
UNTIL THE QUESTION IS READ OUT, WE DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE OF THOSE 100,000 PROBLEMS IS THE ONE BEING USED.
OK, READY? HERE WE GO!
EACH QUESTION ASKED ON THE SHOW IS RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THAT POOL EVERY TIME.
QUESTION #1!!
AND GIVES AN ANSWER IN 2.5 SECONDS ...
THE COMPUTER BEGINS PROCESSING DATA AS SOON AS THE QUESTION IS ASKED...
IS IT POSSIBLE TO COMPUTE THE ANSWER FOR THE PROBLEMS IN A SWIFT MANNER?


HOW MANY SPECIES OF ANIMALS WENT EXTINCT IN THE PAST 10 YEARS?
① 35
② 571
③ TOO MANY TO COUNT
answer
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ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION!
AFTER SCRAMBLING OUR TRANSMISSIONS, AND TAKING VARIOUS OTHER STEPS TO PREVENT DETECTION...
HOWEVER...
I SEE.
YES! OK!!
WE GOT IT!
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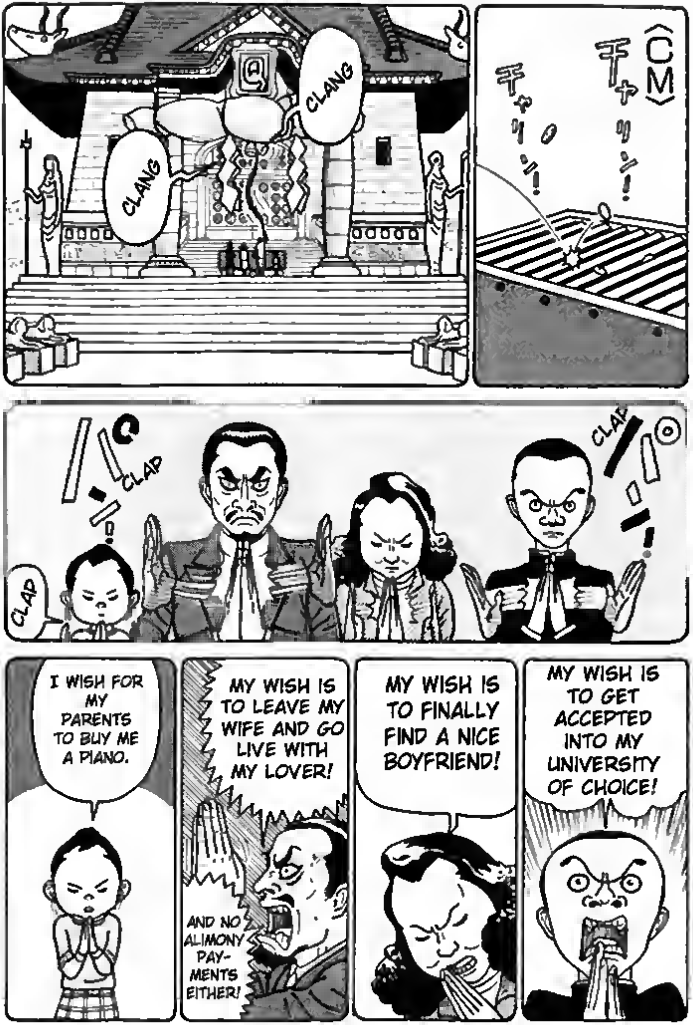
...SO...?
ONCE THE QUESTION IS ASKED, IT TAKES A TOTAL OF 5.5 SECONDS TO ANALYZE THE QUESTION AND SEND THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE CONTESTANTS!
IT TAKES 3 SECONDS TO SEND THE CORRECT ANSWER TO OUR SUICIDE CONTESTANTS IN THE STUDIO!
WE MUST FIND A WAY TO SHAVE 1 SECOND OFF OF THE PROCESS!
HOWEVER, IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND, WE ONLY HAVE 5 SECONDS TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION.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CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
I WISH FOR MY PARENTS TO BUY ME A PIANO.
MY WISH IS TO LEAVE MY WIFE AND GO LIVE WITH MY LOVER!
AND NO ALIMONY PAY-MENTS EITHER!
MY WISH IS TO FINALLY FIND A NICE BOYFRIEND!
MY WISH IS TO GET ACCEPTED INTO MY UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE!

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TRIVIA !?
WHY DO YOU NOT TRY AND RESOLVE YOUR PROB-LEMS WITH TRIVIA!?
GOD ONLY HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEM-SELVES!
WHAT!?
WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM SPEED AT WHICH A GIRAFFE CAN RUN!?
HERE WE GO! YOUR QUESTION IS...!!
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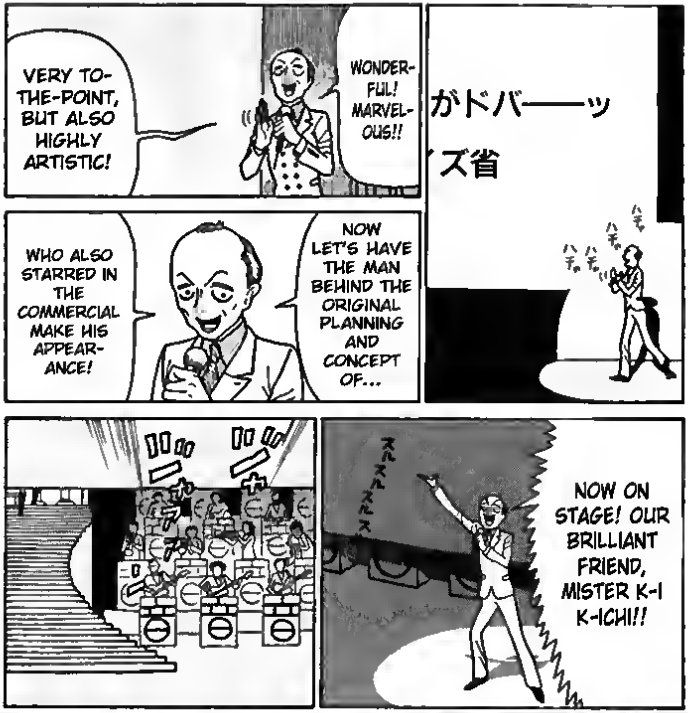
Flooding You With Happiness
The National Quiz Ministry


WONDER-FUL! MARVEL-OUS!!
VERY TO-THE-POINT, BUT ALSO HIGHLY ARTISTIC!
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NOW LET'S HAVE THE MAN BEHIND THE ORIGINAL PLANNING AND CONCEPT OF...
WHO ALSO STARRED IN THE COMMERCIAL MAKE HIS APPEAR-ANCE!
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NOW ON STAGE! OUR BRILLIANT FRIEND, MISTER K-I K-ICHI!!

WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF MY NEW COMMERCIAL /DINNER PARTY!
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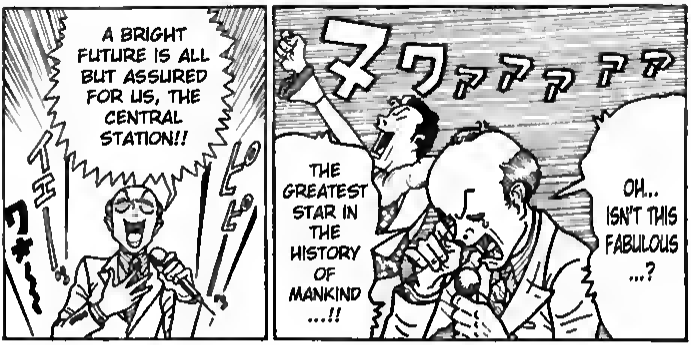
YOU'RE THE MAN!
YOU GO!
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CENTRAL STATION, WHO HAVE GIVEN A LOWLY INMATE SUCH AS MYSELF SUCH A WONDERFUL STAGE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS THE CENTRAL DIRECTOR JUST POINTED OUT, OUR CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS IF IS PRODUCING DEFINITE RESULTS.
NOW... HOW DID YOU LIKE THE COMMERCIAL I PRODUCED?
EXCELLENT! WE'RE BOUND TO GET A FLOOD OF CONTES-TANTS NOW!!

WITH OUR CURRENT STREAK, THAT SECRETARY WON'T HAVE ANY GROUNDS TO OBJECT!
PLAN ON PROPOSING THE CREATION OF A "PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT SECTION" AT THE NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING!!
THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE! WITH THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OURS, THE CENTRAL STATION IS ALL BUT ASSURED OF WINNING GREATER INFLUENCE WITHIN THE QUIZ MINISTRY!!
OUR BATTLE WITH THE SECRETARY AND HIS CRONIES IS GOING TO BE HEATING UP!
OH, SORRY. YOU WERE THE STAR OF TODAY'S SHOW, WEREN'T YOU K-I.
UH ...
OH, NO, I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A LOWLY PAWN FOR THE CENTRAL STATION.
SO THAT WE MAY BE VICTORI-OUS!!
LET US FIGHT AS ONE ...


A BRIGHT FUTURE IS ALL BUT ASSURED FOR US, THE CENTRAL STATION!!
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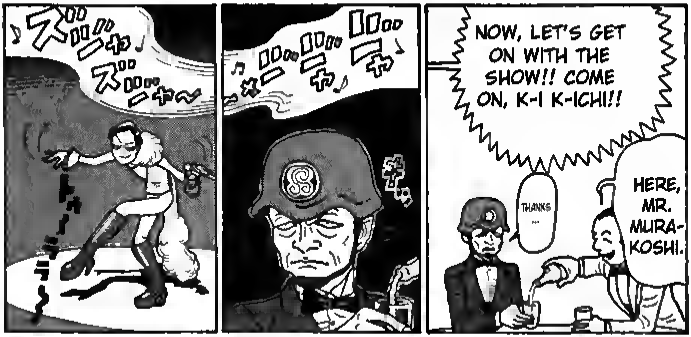
THE GREATEST STAR IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND ...!!
OH... ISN'T THIS FABULOUS ...?



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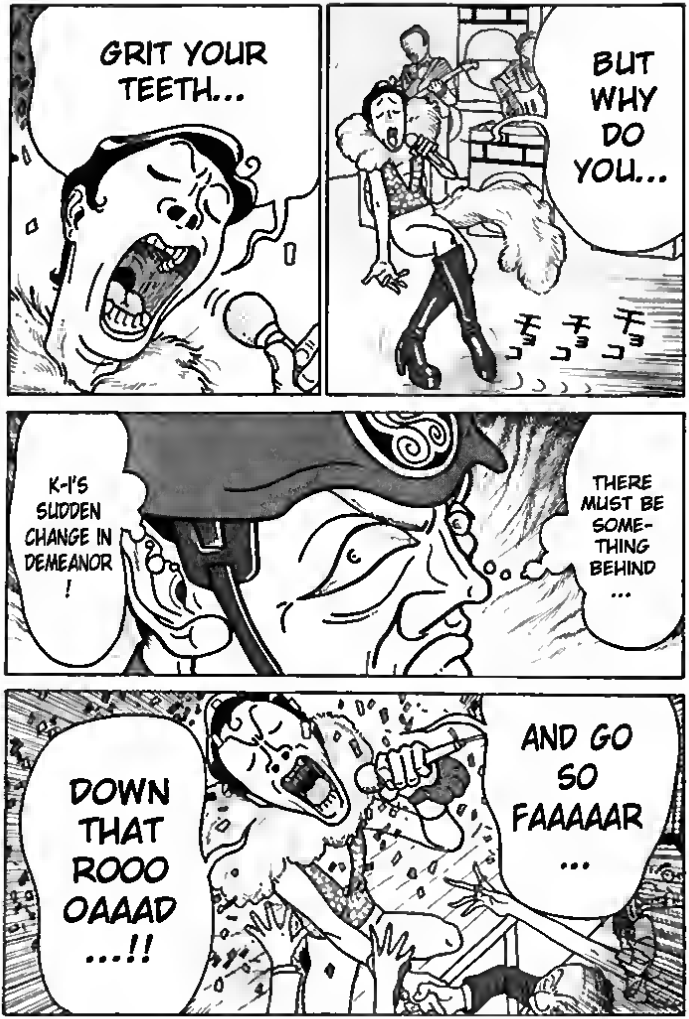
GRIT YOUR TEETH...
BUT WHY DO YOU...
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K-I'S SUDDEN CHANGE IN DEMEANOR !
THERE MUST BE SOME-THING BEHIND ...
DOWN THAT ROOO OAAAD ...!!
AND GO SO FAAAAAR ...

AHH ...!
SO IT'S FINALLY TIME...

LAST NIGHT, THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC SUCCESSFULLY INTERCEPTED THE PROBLEMS USED ON THE NATIONAL QUIZ.

YES, IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR YOU SUICIDE CONTES-TANTS TO CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY!

I WILL NOW GIVE...
MY FINAL ORDERS

TRANSLATOR:
EMPEROR KETCHUP

CLASS-B REJECTEE PRISON - EARLY MORNING
I'LL BE USING THAT TO SEND YOU THE REPUBLIC'S ORDERS, SO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR EAR.
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SADOGASHIMITSU NETWORK
DID THE SUICIDE CONTESTANT FROM LAST NIGHT HAND YOU THE RECEIVER?
YEAH.

AND...? WHAT SORT OF SHOW IS TOMORROW'S SUICIDE CONTESTANT GOING TO PUT ON?
SO I'LL BE GETTING ORDERS FROM YOU GUYS IN MY RIGHT EAR...
AND ORDERS FROM THE DIRECTOR IN MY LEFT EAR ... I'M GOING TO BE BUSY.
IN OTHER WORDS, ALTHOUGH THE QUIZ MINISTRY APPEARS TO BE RUNNING AN AIRTIGHT PROGRAM, IN REALITY...
信頼失墜
THE TRUE AIM OF OUR PLAN IS TO RUIN PEOPLES' FAITH IN THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM.
SO TOMOR-ROW...
I SEE ... AND?
"THEY'RE CHEATING!"
IS WHAT WE WANT TO LEAD THE GENERAL PUBLIC INTO BELIEVING.
WE'LL BE SENDING IN THIS CONTES-TANT!!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HIM GET CAUGHT "BLATANTLY CHEATING" DURING THE FINAL ROUND!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
THE PROBLEMS USED IN THE FINAL ROUND ARE ALL SENT FROM IWO JIMA TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY IN ONE BURST, AS SOON AS THE ROUND BEGINS.
THAT'S OUR AIM.
HOW DOES HE KNOW THE QUESTIONS? WE WANT THE VIEWERS TO GET SUSPICIOUS.
THE FINAL ROUND IS THE SHOW'S CLIMAX; I CAN'T JUST DRAG IT OUT.
THE MOST I COULD DELAY THE SHOW WOULD BE BY 1 MINUTE.
HRM...
I WANT YOU TO BUY US SOME TIME WHILE WE SEARCH FOR THE ANSWERS OUT OF THE 100,000 PROBLEMS WE WILL HAVE INTERCEPTED BEFOREHAND.

5 MINUTES!? THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DELAY THE SHOW FOR THAT LONG!
THE FINAL ROUND IS A TOUGH ONE... DURING OUR TRIALS; THE COMPUTER HAS TAKEN UPWARDS OF 5 MINUTES TO FIND THE ANSWERS...
...
VICTORY WILL RELY ON HOW QUICKLY WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE PROBLEMS.
AHH
EVEN IF THE PLAN SUCCEEDS, HE WON'T GET OUT OF THE QUIZ MINISTRY ALIVE!
TOMORROW'S SUICIDE CONTESTANT IS GOING INTO THE SHOW QUITE LITERALLY PREPARED FOR DEATH!!
USE THAT GIFT OF GAB OF YOURS, AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
A MARTYR, HUH...

35th National Protest Preservation Conference
I HEAR MR. YOSHIDA'S RIOT STICK COST 10 GRAND AT THE ANTIQUE MARKET.
WOW!
THIS HELMET IS THE REAL THING; IT'S FROM THE '60 RIOT WHEN THE PROTESTERS ATTACKED THE CAUCUS! WOW!
THE JAPANESE PARADE PROMOTION SOCIETY?
UHH ...
HELLO, I'M FROM THIS ORGANI-ZATION.
OH, HERE'S A BOOKLET.
THIS IS AN EVENT WHERE WE WILL GATHER VARIOUS NOTABLE PARADES AND MARCHES FROM ACROSS JAPAN, AND MAKE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AWARE OF THE APPEAL OF MARCHES.
YES! WE AT THE JAPANESE PARADE PROMOTION SOCIETY ARE PLANNING AN EVENT TITLED "THE TOP 100 MARCHES IN JAPAN!"
I SEE ...
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE BIGGEST, MOST EXCITING MARCH IN HISTORY, RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART OF TOKYO!

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU NEED?
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WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, WHICH IS SURE TO ATTRACT ATTENTION WORLD-WIDE!
AND WE WERE HOPING TO SECURE COOPERATION FROM YOUR NATIONAL PROTEST PRESERVATION SOCIETY,
AND HAVE YOU SHOW-CASE THE TRADI-TIONAL ART FORM OF THE PROTEST!
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WHAT IS IT?
WELL, THE MORE THE BETTER, OF COURSE!
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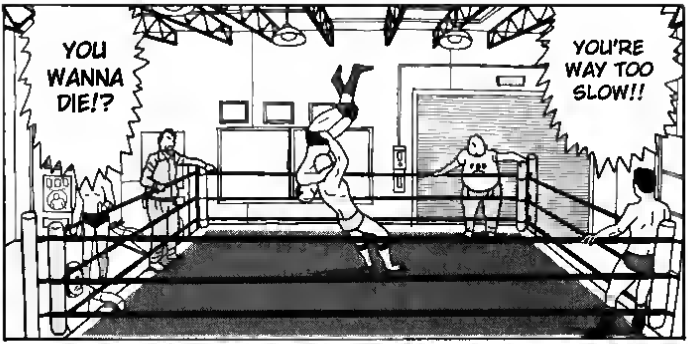
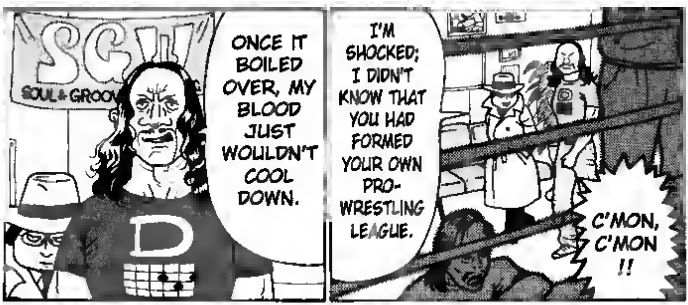
EVERY-BODY FORM YOUR SQUAD-RONS!

DOWN WITH THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION LAWS!!
DITCH THE SECURITY TREATY!!
ENTERPRISE, GO HOME!!
MARCH!
WE'LL HAVE AT LEAST 2,000 MEN!!
THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD RESIGN!!
DON'T RAISE TUITION!!
WE'LL MOBILIZE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS NATIONWIDE!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
I WONDER HOW NANBARA'S DOING...


YOU WANNA DIE!?
YOU'RE WAY TOO SLOW!!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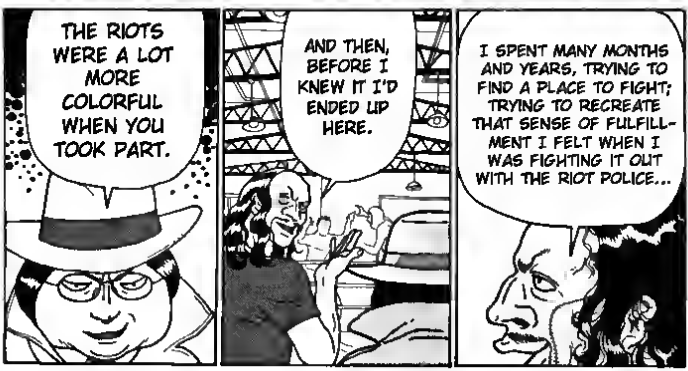
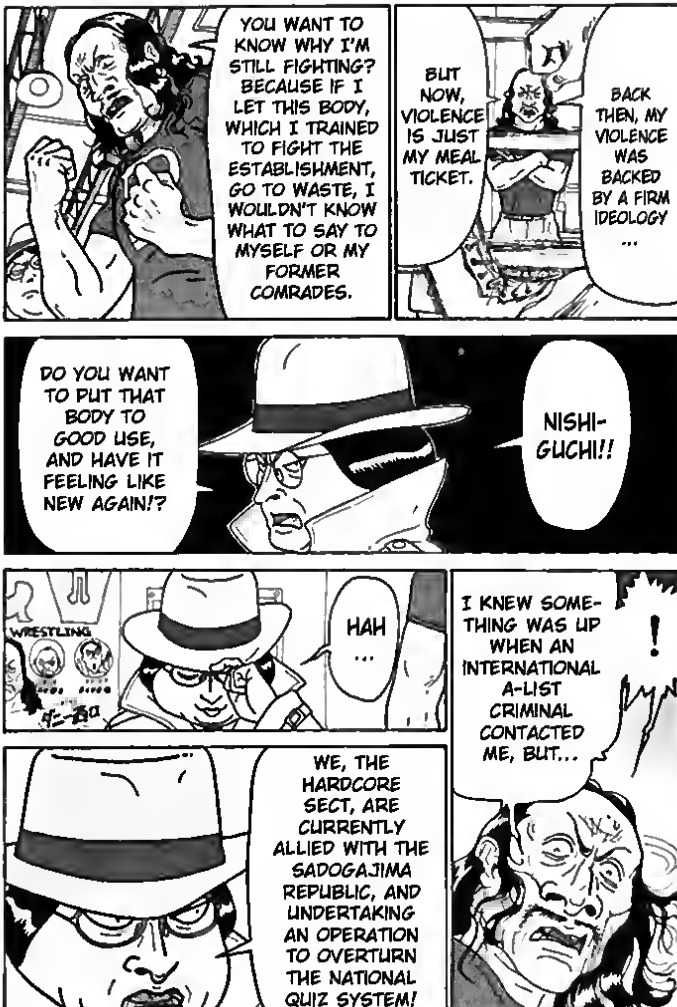
ONCE IT BOILED OVER, MY BLOOD JUST WOULDN'T COOL DOWN.
I'M SHOCKED; I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU HAD FORMED YOUR OWN PRO-WRESTLING LEAGUE.
C'MON, C'MON !!


THE RIOTS WERE A LOT MORE COLORFUL WHEN YOU TOOK PART.
AND THEN, BEFORE I KNEW IT I'D ENDED UP HERE.
I SPENT MANY MONTHS AND YEARS, TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO FIGHT; TRYING TO RECREATE THAT SENSE OF FULFILLMENT I FELT WHEN I WAS FIGHTING IT OUT WITH THE RIOT POLICE...


YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M STILL FIGHTING? BECAUSE IF I LET THIS BODY, WHICH I TRAINED TO FIGHT THE ESTABLISHMENT, GO TO WASTE, I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO MYSELF OR MY FORMER COMRADES.
BUT NOW, VIOLENCE IS JUST MY MEAL TICKET.
BACK THEN, MY VIOLENCE WAS BACKED BY A FIRM IDEOLOGY ...
DO YOU WANT TO PUT THAT BODY TO GOOD USE, AND HAVE IT FEELING LIKE NEW AGAIN!?
NISHI-GUCHI!!
WRESTLING
HAH ...
I KNEW SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN AN INTERNATIONAL A-LIST CRIMINAL CONTACTED ME, BUT...
!
WE, THE HARDCORE SECT, ARE CURRENTLY ALLIED WITH THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC, AND UNDERTAKING AN OPERATION TO OVERTURN THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!

WHICH IS WHERE YOU COME IN ...
IN ORDER TO GET THINGS IN MOTION, WE NEED SOME MUSCLE POWER.
ARE YOU SERIOUS !?
INCRED-IBLE!!
AS A FORMER LEADER OF THE RADICAL SECT, AND A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER, I WANT YOU TO USE YOUR EXTENSIVE CONNEC-TIONS TO GATHER PERSONNEL FIT FOR OUR PURPOSE.
FOR THIS DAY TO ARRIVE ...!
I... I'VE BEEN WAITING ...
NANB ARA ...
SGW
ON THE SURFACE WE'RE A PRO WRESTLING LEAGUE, BUT THERE'S ACTUALLY ANOTHER SIDE TO US!

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SUGOKU GOTSUI WATASHITACHI!
SGW
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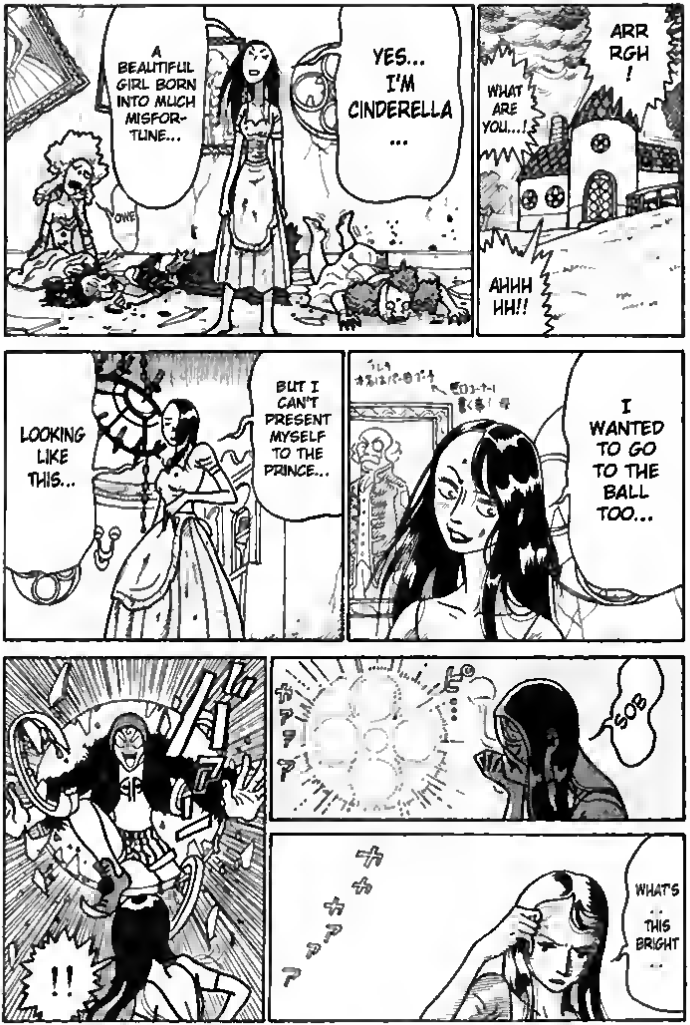
WE ALSO ACT AS AN INSTITUTION TO TRAIN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS WHO CAN FIGHT WHEN THE TIME IS AT HAND!
THEY'RE ALL HARDENED SOLDIERS!
ALL RIGHT! THEN IT'S DECIDED!

YES ...?
CIN-DER-ELLA !!
CIN-DER-ELLA !!
CINDERELLA
THE RENAISSANCE OF HELL
EVERYBODY CALLS ME CINDERELLA
BECAUSE I AM CINDERELLA!
STARRING M-DA A-KO
WITH THE PIGEON-SHIT THEATER TROUPE
SPEAK UP!!
GOT IT!?
YES ...
WE'RE GOING TO THE CASTLE BALL! MAKE SURE THE HOUSE LOOKS CLEAN AND BRAND-NEW BY THE TIME WE GET BACK!
I... CAN'T TAKE THIS... ANYMORE...
OH? WHY?
MOTHER, THE HOUSE WON'T EVER BE CLEAN, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CLEAN IT.
BECAUSE! A BIG PIECE OF TRASH NAMED CINDERELLA IS LIVING IN IT!!


A BEAUTIFUL GIRL BORN INTO MUCH MISFORTUNE...
YES... I'M CINDERELLA ...
ARR RGH!
WHAT ARE YOU...!
AHHH HH!!
LOOKING LIKE THIS...
BUT I CAN'T PRESENT MYSELF TO THE PRINCE...
I WANTED TO GO TO THE BALL TOO...
SOB
WHAT'S ... THIS BRIGHT ...
!!

HUH...? UHH, THE FRESH EGG...
HERE'S YOUR QUESTION! IF YOU PUT A FRESH EGG AND AN OLD EGG IN WATER, WHICH ONE WILL SINK!?
HEEE RRRE WE GO!
CORRECT ...! NOW, LET ME MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.
I'M NOT A SOR-CERER.
OH, NO, NO.
THANK YOU, WISE SORCERER!
OH HELLO, PRINCE !
OH, MY!
I'VE COME TO GREET YOU.

K-I K-ICHI!!
I AM THE HOST OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
I'LL MAKE ALL OF YOUR WISHES COME TRUE!!
LUST!! WANT!! FIEND!!
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WELCOME TO THE LAND OF FAIRYTALES. BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN!!

DON'T HESITATE; HURL ALL OF YOUR DESIRES AT ME!!
GIVE ME MY OWN HOUSE !!
WOMEN !!
CARS !!
GIVE ME MONEY !!
GET RID OF TAXES !!
LET ME EAT WHALE MEAT!!
KILL MY BOSS !!
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY !!
HELP ME!!

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
I AM GOD, BOW BEFORE ME!!
WOMEN, WOMEN, WOMEN !!
MON-EYYYY !!
I AM ELVIS
A WIFE !
FIX MY SHOULDER !
BUY ME
GUHH!
MAKE ME AN OIL BARON!
WA
GIVE ME MONEY
MAKE ME A WINNER
BLESS JESUS
A
AHHH
AHHH
AHHH

YOU, K-I K-ICHI: I WANT YOU!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
K-I K-ICHI !!
THIS IS THE SADOGA-JIMA REPUB-LIC!
AHAHAHA, YOU GREEDY BITCH!!
STRETCH, IF YOU CAN HEAR ME!!

ALL RIGHT, EVERY-THING IS IN PLACE !!
THE ONLY THING LEFT DO IS TO GET ON WITH THE QUIZ BEGIN!!
"THE DAY" HAS ARRIVED! / END

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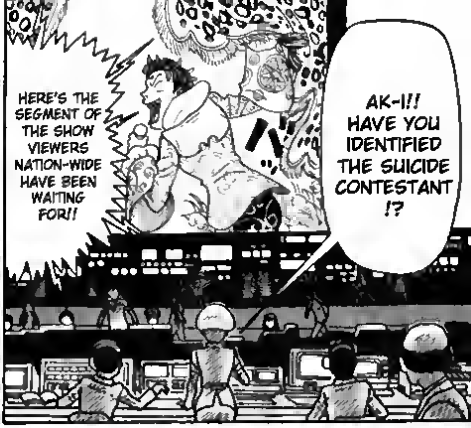
K-1 K-ICHI'S DAY

IF YOU HAVE, DO A FLIP!


HERE'S THE SEGMENT OF THE SHOW VIEWERS NATION-WIDE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!
AK-I!! HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED THE SUICIDE CONTESTANT !?

TODAY, THESE 6 REVOLUTION-ARIES HAVE ASCENDED TO THE FORUM OF WISDOM!

HMM ...

GET RIGHT TO THE CONTESTANT INTRODUC-TIONS !!
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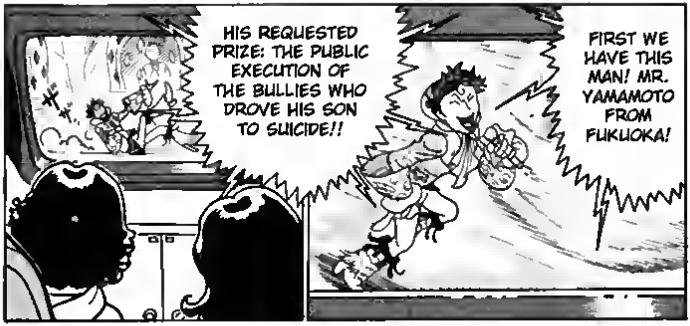
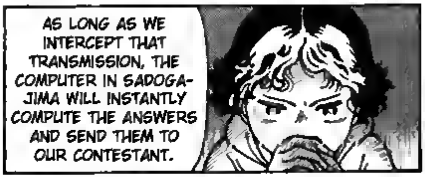
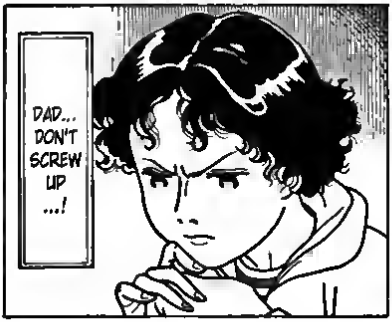
LET'S ...


HIS REQUESTED PRIZE: THE PUBLIC EXECUTION OF THE BULLIES WHO DROVE HIS SON TO SUICIDE!!
FIRST WE HAVE THIS MAN! MR. YAMAMOTO FROM FUKUOKA!

DON'T WORRY, THE PROBLEMS IN THE FINAL ROUND WILL ALL BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM IWO JIMA AS SOON AS THE ROUND STARTS.

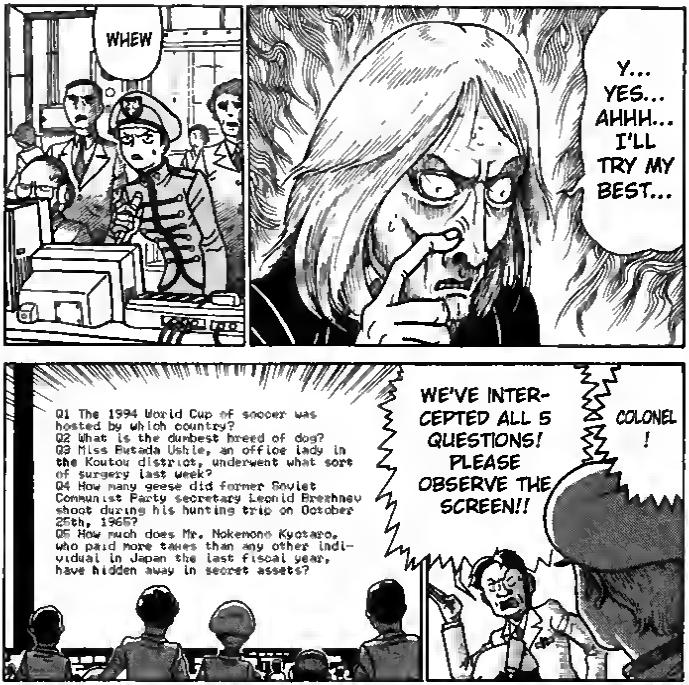
ARE THE ANSWERS GOING TO BE IN ON TIME?


AS LONG AS WE INTERCEPT THAT TRANSMISSION, THE COMPUTER IN SADOGA-JIMA WILL INSTANTLY COMPUTE THE ANSWERS AND SEND THEM TO OUR CONTESTANT.


DAD... DON'T SCREW UP ...!

HER WISH IS FOR ...
NEXT! MS SATOH, WHO HAILS FROM YOKO-HAMA!

FINALLY, WE HAVE MR. OHNISHI FROM TOKYO!
OUR MAN IS UP NEXT!
HIS WISH: "GET RID OF THE MOSAICS* IN PORN VIDEOS!!"
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, SCRATCH YOUR NOSE!
*THOSE BLURRY CENSORED PATCHES YOU SEE IN JAPANESE PORN VIDEOS
WHAT'S GOING ON!? CAN'T YOU HEAR ME!?
WOW, THAT'S A GOOD ONE!! I WISH YOU LUCK!!
MR. OHNISHI! ANY WORDS!?


WHEW
Y... YES... AHHH... I'LL TRY MY BEST...
Q1 The 1994 World Cup of soccer was hosted by which country?
Q2 What is the dumbest breed of dog?
Q3 Miss Butede Ushie, an office lady in the Koutou district, underwent what sort of surgery last week?
Q4 How many geese did former Soviet Communist Party secretary Leonid Brezhnev shoot during his hunting trip on October 25th, 1965?
Q5 How much does Mr. Nokemono Kyotaro, who paid more taxes than any other individual in Japan the last fiscal year, have hidden away in secret assets?
WE'VE INTERCEPTED ALL 5 QUESTIONS! PLEASE OBSERVE THE SCREEN!!
COLONEL !

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A The United States
A Chow Chow
A Breast Augmentation Surgery

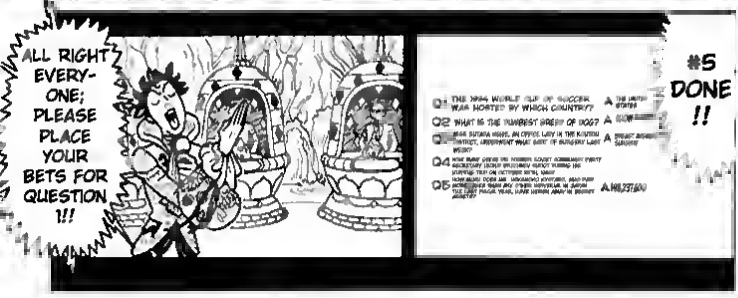
#1 AND #2, COMPLETE!

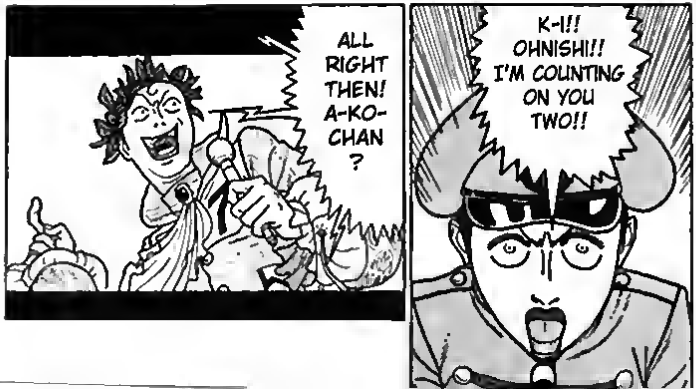
ESTIMATED SEARCH TIME: 4 MINUTES 26 SECONDS!!

#4 PROVING DIFFICULT !

#3 COMPLETE !

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW: SADOGAJIMA'S VERY EXISTENCE HANGS IN THE BALANCE! FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!


ALL RIGHT EVERY-ONE; PLEASE PLACE YOUR BETS FOR QUESTION 1!!
#5 DONE !!


ALL RIGHT THEN! A-KO-CHAN ?
K-I!! OHNISHI!! I'M COUNTING ON YOU TWO!!

YES, SIR!
PLEASE READ OUT QUESTION #1!!
IS "CHOW CHOWS" ... !!
by which country? A The United States
of dog? A Chow Chows
last week? A Breast Augmentation Surgery
THE ANSWER YOU WILL GIVE...
OHNISHI! READY!?
THE 1994 WORLD
DING DONG
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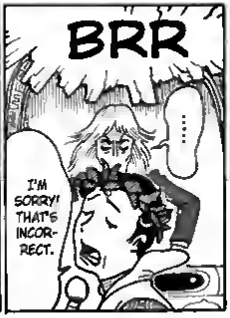
CHOW CHOWS !!

OH!? MR. OHNISHI'S FAST!!

HMM... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A COUNTRY CALLED CHOW CHOWS.

THE ANSWER WAS "THE UNITED STATES." THE 1994 WORLD CUP OF SOCCER WAS HOSTED BY WHICH COUNTRY ...?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I'M SORRY! THAT'S INCORRECT.

OK, LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN! QUESTION #2!!

Y... YEAH!
QUIT SCREWING AROUND AND GO HOME!!
NOW, NOW.

YOUR NEXT ANSWER IS "BREAST AUGMENTATION SURGERY!!" GOT IT!?
OHNI SHI!

MR. OHNISHI YET AGAIN!!
OK!
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DING DONG
WHAT IS THE DUMBEST ...
B... BB ...
BREAST AUGMENTATION SURGERY ...
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MIGHT BE FEELING A LITTLE JUMPY, BUT WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO LISTEN TO THE QUESTIONS MORE CAREFULLY?
MR. OHNI SHI ...
DIDN'T HE JUST ...
CHOW CHOWS
WHISPER
WHAT IS THE DUMBEST BREED OF DOG...? THE ANSWER WAS "CHOW CHOWS."
BRRRR

NOW I'VE GOT AN IMAGE OF A CHOW CHOW WITH AUGMENTED BREASTS STUCK IN MY HEAD!
D...
DIREC-TOR... IT'S WEIRD ...
WHAT ?
LOOK AT... THE LIST OF QUESTIONS ...
?

Question 1
Question 2
Question 3
Question 4
Chow Chows
12
$98,237,600
CHOW CHOW ...
BREAST AUGMENTATION SURGERY ...
HE KNOWS THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ALREADY !?
HE'S SAYING THE ANSWERS FROM THE NEXT QUESTION ...!?
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K-I!! TAKE A COMMERCIAL BREAK! CUT TO A COMMERCIAL !!

K-I!! WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 4!! BUY US SOME TIME!!
ARE YOU LISTENING, K-I!? IT'S AN EMERGENCY!!
K-I!! HOLD OFF ON READING QUESTION 3!! DO YOU UNDERSTAND!?
HEY K-I, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME!? CUT TO A COMMERCIAL DAMN IT!!
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A-KO-CHAN, LET'S MOVE ONTO QUESTION 3, SHALL WE?
WHAT !?

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BZZZ ... Z...
UHH RIGHT .. QUESTION 3 .. CQ.. ERR COMM... MMMM? WHAT?
HUH ...
A-KO! YOU DO IT! WE'RE GOING TO A COMMERCIAL BREAK!!
QUESTION #3!
... HUH? WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'M REAAALLLY CURIOUS ABOUT...
BEFORE THAT ...
ACTU-ALLY
LOOK AT ALL THOSE AUDIENCE MEMBERS, AND HOW THEY'RE GAZING AT US...

THEIR EYES, THEY'RE GLINTING AND GLIMMERING IN THE DARKNESS.
DON'T THEY REALLY WANT TO STAND HERE, AND TAKE PART IN THE REVOLUTION ...?
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED ...
ARE THE AUDIENCE MEMBERS TRULY SATISFIED, JUST WATCHING THIS WONDERFUL SHOW FROM SO FAR AWAY...?

WELL, PEOPLE !?
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WHAT... THE...
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
REVOLUTIONS MAY BE WON THROUGH HARD WORK AND PERSE-VERANCE!
AND THE MAGIC OF TIME!!
BUT THEY CAN ALSO BE EASILY ATTAINED THROUGH SOME FLUKE...

LOOK AT HIM GO!
THAT TIME HAS COME !!
TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR YOU LUCKY PEOPLE !!
QUESTION #3! MISS BUTADA USHIE, AN OFFICE LADY IN THE KOUTOU DISTRICT...

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGURE OUT THE CORRECT ANSWER FROM JUST THAT SEGMENT, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE! STEP RIGHT UP INTO THIS FORUM OF WISDOM!!
IF YOU GET THE CORRECT ANSWER, I WILL GRANT ANY WISH THAT YOU MAY HAVE!

CHAPTER 37 K-I K-ICHI'S DAY / END

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ESCAPE FROM THE STUDIO!

ATE CURRY !
LIKES THE JOCKEY POSITION !
DROPPED OUT OF WASEDA UNIVERSITY !!
THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CHANCE, FOLKS!! EVERYBODY SHOUT THE ANSWER OUT AS LOUD AS YOU CAN!!
ONCE MORE: THE QUESTION IS "MISS BUTADA USHIE, AN OFFICE LADY IN THE KOUTOU DISTRICT ... "

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!!
IS
20!!
WAFFLES
!!

COLONEL!!
WE HAVE
THE ANSWER
FOR
QUESTION
4!!
HA?

COME ON,
COME ON,
I CAN'T
HEAR
YOU!!

IS "12" ...!!
OHNISHI, CAN YOU HEAR ME!? THE ANSWER TO GIVE ...
A Breast Augmentation Surgery
A 12
A $98,237,600
DID YOU GET THAT!? "12!!"
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MR. OHNISHI, GO AHEAD !!
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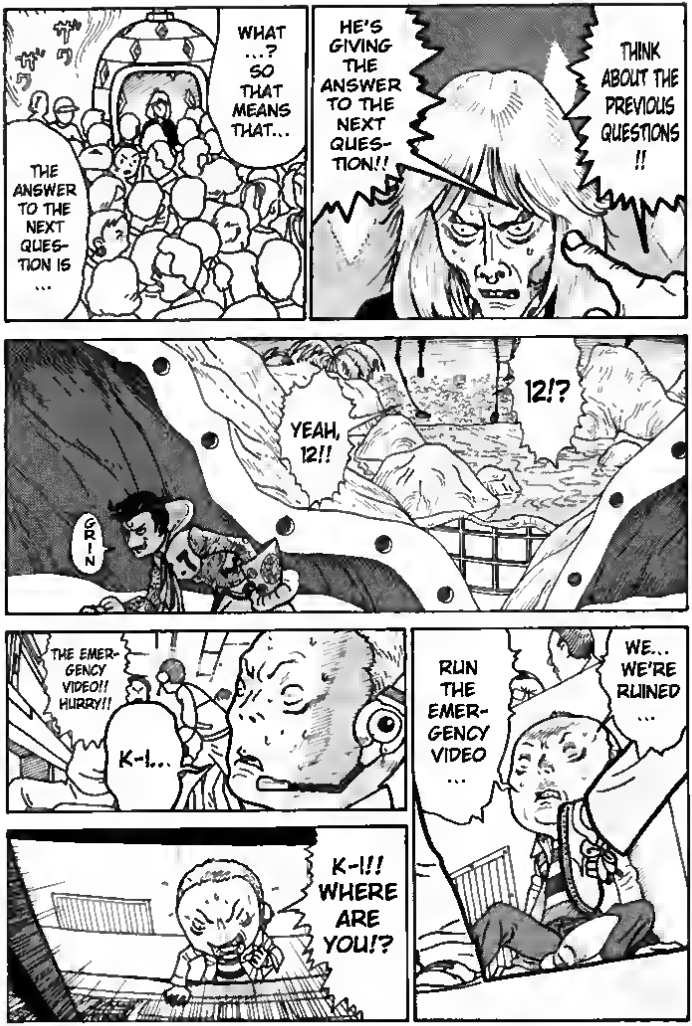
DING DONG
GAHHH!!

BRR RR
12 !!
MISS BUTADA USHIE, AN OFFICE LADY IN THE KOUTOU DISTRICT, UNDERWENT WHAT SORT OF SURGERY LAST WEEK? THE ANSWER WAS "BREAST AUGMENTATION SURGERY"...
HEY!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, GIVING ALL THESE RIDICULOUS ANSWERS!? ARE YOU JUST DOING IT TO ANNOY US!?
YEAH!! WE'VE MANAGED TO GET THIS FAR, AND NOW YOU'RE RUINING IT!!
HE KNOWS THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ALREADY!!
THIS... THIS OHNISHI GUY ISN'T JUST SPEWING GIBBERISH!!
HEY WAIT A MINUTE!!


THINK ABOUT THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS !!
HE'S GIVING THE ANSWER TO THE NEXT QUES-TION!!
WHAT ...? SO THAT MEANS THAT...
THE ANSWER TO THE NEXT QUES-TION IS ...
12!?
YEAH, 12!!
GRIN
WE... WE'RE RUINED ...
RUN THE EMER-GENCY VIDEO ...
THE EMER-GENCY VIDEO!! HURRY!!
K-I...
K-I!! WHERE ARE YOU!?

HEY, THEY WERE JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART, TOO!
WHAT? THAT'S WEIRD, IS THIS SHOW SUPPOSED TO BE ON RIGHT NOW?
IT'S TIME FOR "TOGETHER WITH THE CITIZENS!!"
HEY, HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHA?
HUH!?
QUIZ BAR
WHY THE HELL DOES KU-TA SHOW UP NOW!?
WHAT THE FUCK!?
WHAT THE HELL IS THE QUIZ MINISTRY DOING!?
HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO THE SHOW!!

APPARENTLY K-I'S GONE BERSERK!!
HOLY SHIT, EVERYONE'S GOING NUTS ABOUT THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
KUZU TV
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE CAN GET DOUBLE-DIGIT RATINGS IN PRIME-TIME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE!
WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY RIGHT NOW, SO BE READY TO CUT TO A LIVE FEED AT ANY TIME!!
GET A HOLD OF THE PROGRAMMER!! THIS AIN'T THE TIME TO BE AIRING CRAPPY DRAMAS NOBODY WILL WATCH!!
WE'LL SHOW THEM THAT PRIVATELY-OWNED BROADCASTERS HAVE BALLS!!
LET'S GET THEM BACK FOR PUSHING US OFF INTO OBSCURITY!!

HE WON'T RESPOND TO OUR CALLS!!
HE DISAPPEARED AMIDST THE CONFUSION !!
WHERE'S K-!!?
WHAT'S GOING ON, DIRECTOR!?
!!
WE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM THE PRIME MINISTER: DEPENDING ON HOW THE EVENTS UNFOLD FROM HERE ON IN, WE COULD ALL BE SENT TO SIBERIA!
WHAT!? GOD DAMNIT ... WHY NOW, DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME PERIOD !?
UGGH
GAH
S... SIBERIA ...

I... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...

HAH

I SEE... SO THEY CUT THE PROGRAM SHORT...
IN THAT CASE, I HAVE SOME PLANS FOR THEM.

REVOLUTION-ARIES!! SILENCE, PLEASE !!

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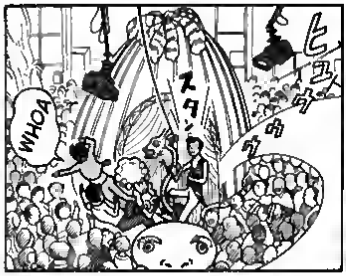
ON STAGE, "I" AM THE KING!

YOUR ENERGY IS FORMI-DABLE!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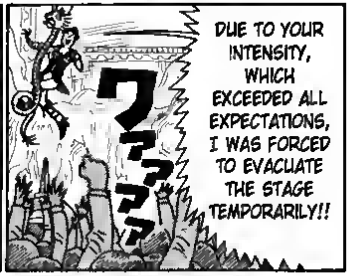
DUE TO YOUR INTENSITY, WHICH EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS, I WAS FORCED TO EVACUATE THE STAGE TEMPORARILY!!
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BUT THIS STUDIO IS TOO SMALL TO CONTAIN ALL THIS INTENSITY ...
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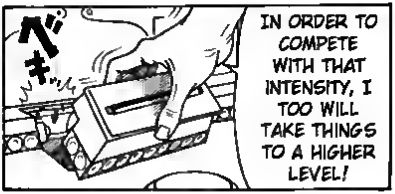
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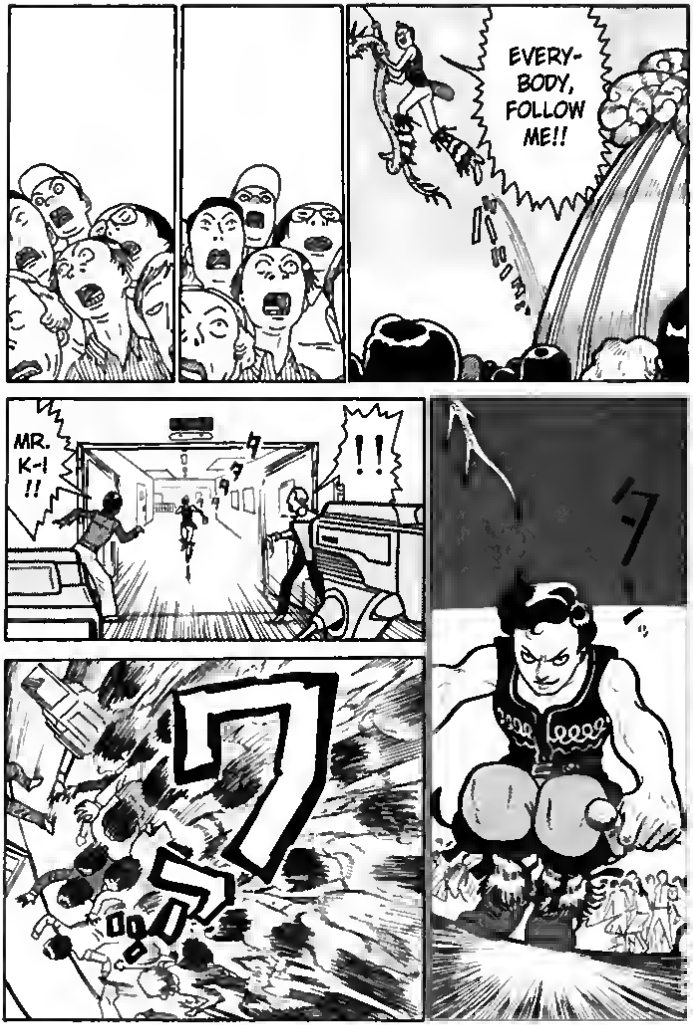
IN ORDER TO COMPETE WITH THAT INTENSITY, I TOO WILL TAKE THINGS TO A HIGHER LEVEL!


EVERY-
BODY,
FOLLOW
ME!!
MR.
K-I
!!
!!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT; WE'RE STUCK!!
WE COME THIS FAR, ONLY TO GET CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC!!
SHIT.
ALL RIGHT, DAMNIT, WE'RE SHOOTING FROM THE ROOF THEN!
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HEY, LOOK AT THAT ...

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GOMI TV
HEY— THIS MEANS WE CAN BROADCAST THE NATIONAL QUIZ IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM OUR STATION!
APPARENTLY
K-I!?
SHIT, THEY'RE BEATING US TO THE CHASE! HURRY!!
MOVING ON TO QUESTION #5!!
HOW MANY GEESE DID FORMER SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV SHOOT DURING HIS HUNTING TRIP ON...
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WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WOULD SAY THE CORRECT ANSWER, ALL AT ONCE!!
INCRE -DIBLE !!
THE ANSWER IS 12!!
... OCTOBER 25TH, 1965...?
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THE NATIONAL QUIZ HAS BROUGHT THE PEOPLE TOGETHER!!

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AHHH!
SILENCE !!
IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE HURT, DISPERSE IMMEDI-ATELY AND HEAD HOME !!
IF YOU CONTINUE THIS ROWDY IDIOCY, WE WILL BEGIN APPLYING FORCE IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH THE LAW!!

THE SS, LEAD BY CAPTAIN MURAKOSHI, HAS FINALLY STARTED SUBDUING THE OUT-OF-CONTROL CROWD!!
OR IS IT A REAL COUP D'ETAT!?
WAS THIS INCIDENT STAGED BY THE PRODUCERS OF THE SHOW!?
THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE QUIZ MINISTRY ARE OVERFLOWING WITH GAWKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA, AS A BIZARRE MOOD HAS PERMEATED THE CROWD!!
EVEN THE TV STATIONS OVERSEAS ARE SHOWING THE FOOTAGE
STICK TO 1 STATION! I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S GOING ON!!
MOM, EVERY SINGLE CHANNEL IS SHOWING THE NATIONAL QUIZ!

MEMBERS OF THE SS HAVE STARTED TO SURROUND K-I!!
IS K-I GOING TO SURRENDER HIMSELF!?
CHAPTER 38 ESCAPE FROM THE STUDIO / END

TRANSLATOR: EMPEROR KETCHUP

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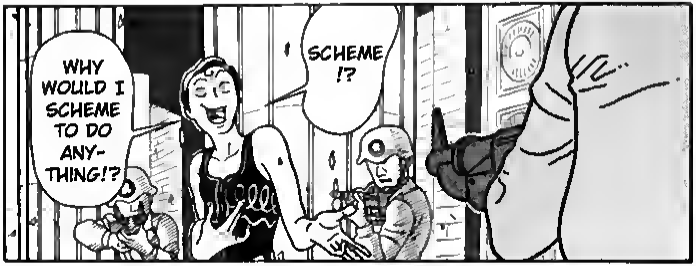
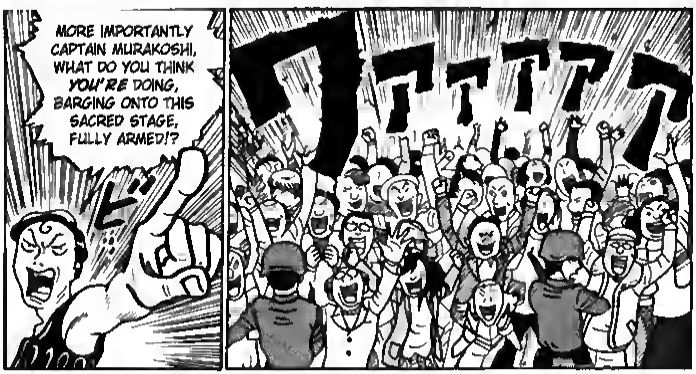
KYOKO'S AMBITION

WELCOME, CAPTAIN MURAKOSHI!
K-I ...
JUST WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING TO DO!?


WHY WOULD I SCHEME TO DO ANY-THING!?
SCHEME !?

I MERELY ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
I AM THE PEOPLES' SLAVE!!


MORE IMPORTANTLY CAPTAIN MURAKOSHI, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, BARGING ONTO THIS SACRED STAGE, FULLY ARMED!?

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DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE FOUNDING SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
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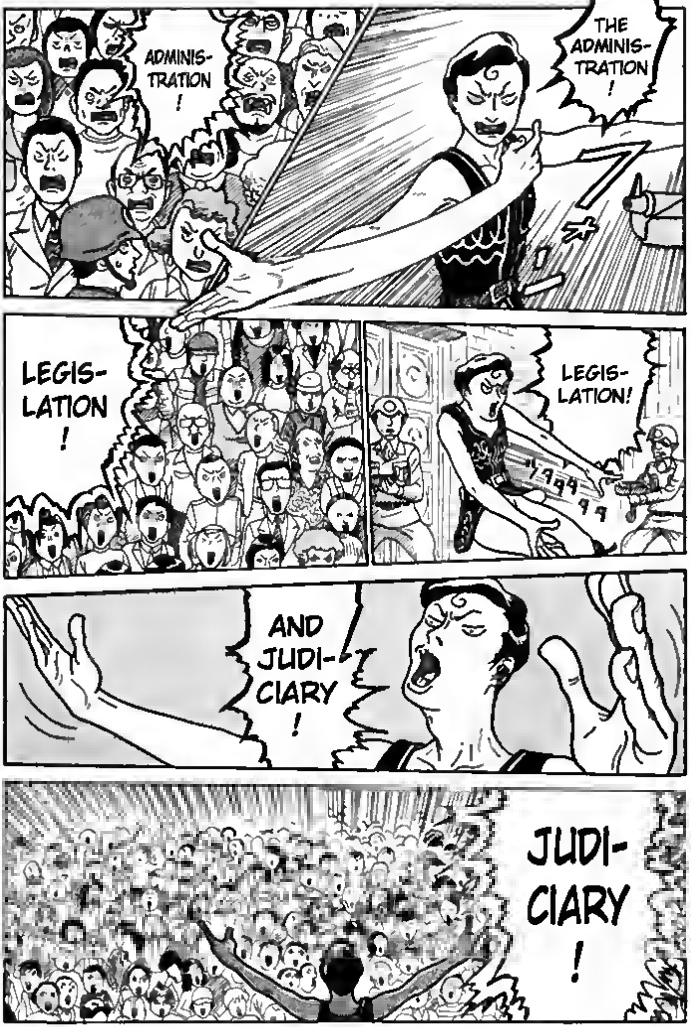
THE CONSTITUTION OF JAPAN, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 104!!
THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING INSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT...
AND ITS DECISIONS WILL BE TREATED AS THE LAWS AND WILL OF THE NATION, AND TAKE ABSOLUTE AND UNLIMITED PRECEDENCE OVER ALL MATTERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO...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IN OTHER WORDS!! THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS THE GOVERNMENT !!
AGAIN, THE NATIONAL QUIZ TAKES ABSOLUTE! PRECEDENCE! OVER ALL GOVERNMENT MATTERS!!
COULD BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF TREASON!!
ARMED INTERVENTION INTO THE SHOW...
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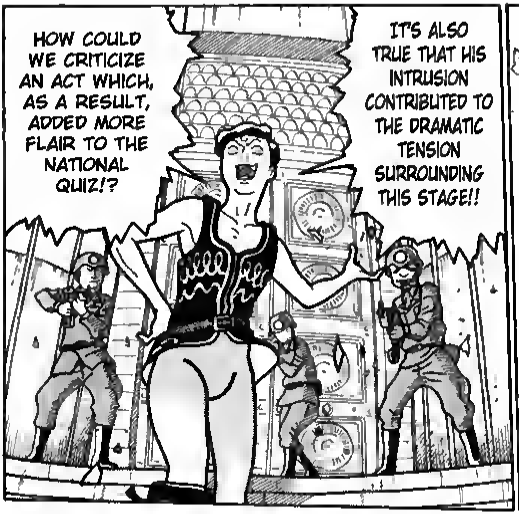
SCREW OFF!!
GH ...
THAT'S RIGHT !!


HOW COULD WE CRITICIZE AN ACT WHICH, AS A RESULT, ADDED MORE FLAIR TO THE NATIONAL QUIZ!?
IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT HIS INTRUSION CONTRIBUTED TO THE DRAMATIC TENSION SURROUNDING THIS STAGE!!
BUT, PEOPLE!! LISTEN TO ME!!
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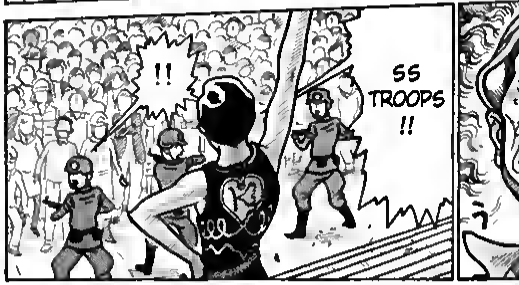
HIS PASSION FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ ALSO RUNS VERY DEEP!!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A FEU DE JOIE!! BEQUEATH THE NATIONAL QUIZ WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS OF CELEBRATION!!
NOW !!
FIRE!!

ALL RIGHT! NOW, LET US RECITE CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 104 OF THE CONSTITUTION!!

THE AUDIENCE HAS STARTED RECITING THE CONSTITUTION!!
CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 104! THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS ...
WHAT'S THIS!? AS THE SS FIRES ITS GUNS UP INTO THE AIR...
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IS THIS ALL PART OF THE SHOW!?
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THE NATIONAL QUIZ TAKES ABSOLUTE PRECEDENCE ...!!
OVER ALL GOVERNMENT MATTERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE JUDICIARY ...!!

I'M VERY SORRY TO HAVE TO SAY THIS, BUT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE SHOW TO END!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
BUT DO NOT DESPAIR! ON YOUR WAY OUT, WE WILL BE HANDING OUT UNLIMITED ENTRY CARDS TO FUTURE TAPINGS OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ!
FARE-WELL !!
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!
A REMATCH OF TONIGHT WILL BE HELD IN THE STUDIO!

DON'T GO!!
K-I !!
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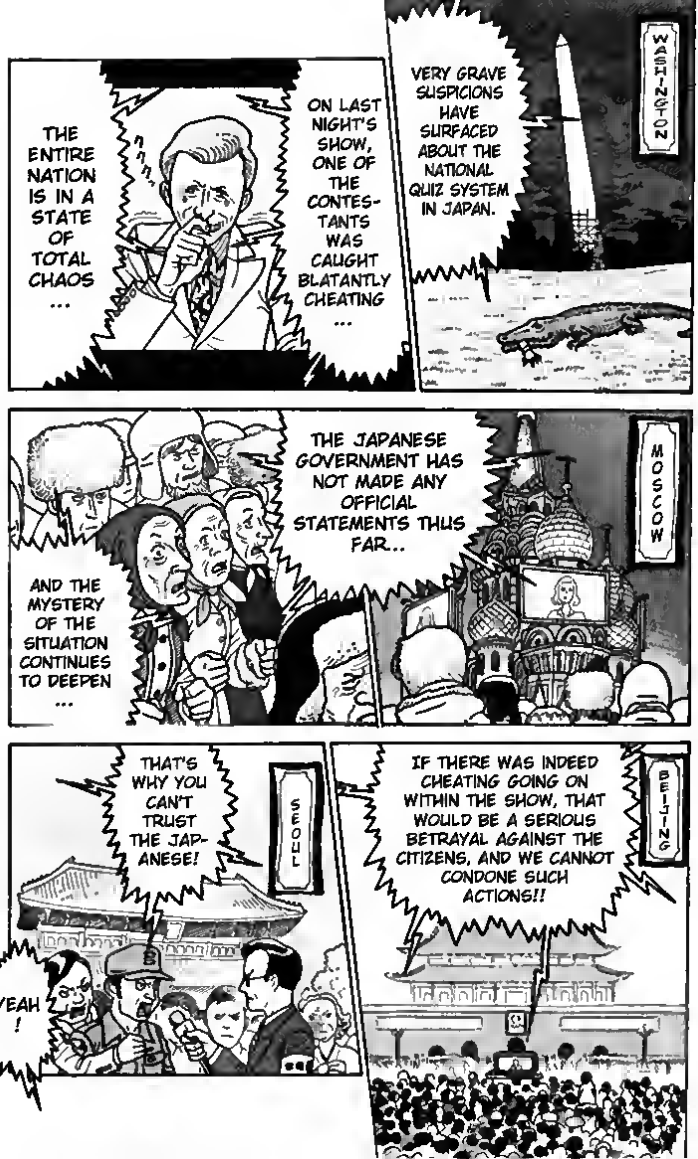
DOES ANYONE HAVE A SMOKE?
WHEW ...


WASHINGTON
VERY GRAVE SUSPICIONS HAVE SURFACED ABOUT THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM IN JAPAN.
ON LAST NIGHT'S SHOW, ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS WAS CAUGHT BLATANTLY CHEATING ...
THE ENTIRE NATION IS IN A STATE OF TOTAL CHAOS ...
MOSCOW
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE ANY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THUS FAR..
AND THE MYSTERY OF THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO DEEPEN ...
BEIJING
IF THERE WAS INDEED CHEATING GOING ON WITHIN THE SHOW, THAT WOULD BE A SERIOUS BETRAYAL AGAINST THE CITIZENS, AND WE CANNOT CONDONE SUCH ACTIONS!!
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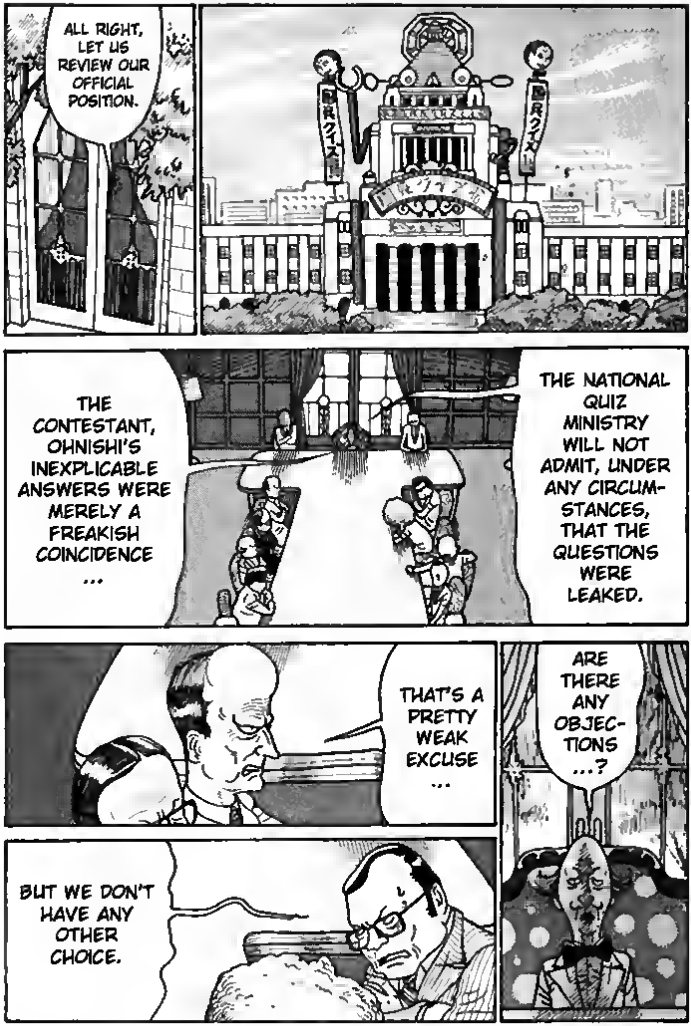
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T TRUST THE JAPANESE!
YEAH!


ALL RIGHT, LET US REVIEW OUR OFFICIAL POSITION.
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THE CONTESTANT, OHNISHI'S INEXPLICABLE ANSWERS WERE MERELY A FREAKISH COINCIDENCE ...
THE NATIONAL QUIZ MINISTRY WILL NOT ADMIT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THE QUESTIONS WERE LEAKED.
THAT'S A PRETTY WEAK EXCUSE ...
ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS ...?
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.

NO! WE SHOULD BE WORKING TO FIND THE CAUSE OF THE LEAK, AND SETTLING ANY DISRUPTIONS WITHIN THE MINISTRY!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OPINION?
NOT TO WORRY, IF WE SHUT THE MEDIA UP AND CONTINUE BROADCASTING THE SHOW IN A CALM AND ORDERLY MANNER, THE HEAT WILL DIE DOWN IN A FEW MONTHS.
THAT'S THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM! UNLESS WE PURSUE AND UNCOVER WHOEVER LEAKED THE QUESTIONS, THIS CASE WILL NEVER SEE A TRUE RESOLUTION!!
HOW DARE YOU!
YOU ARE QUITE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE PRIME SUSPECTS!
BUT YOUR CENTRAL STATION AND THE PRELIMINARIES BUREAU ARE THE ONES WHO CONTROL THE QUESTIONS.
I...I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!

INDEED !
YOU PEOPLE REALLY NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER !
SIR.. WE ARE POURING ALL OF OUR RESOURCES INTO THE INVESTIGATION, BUT...
NOW, NOW... DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, HAVE YOU FOUND OHNISHI YET?
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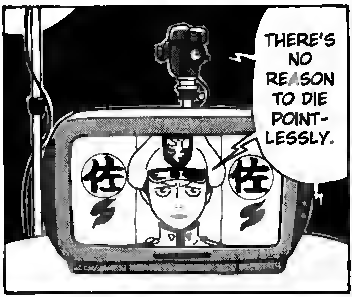
WE MANAGED TO SAFELY RESCUE THE SUICIDE CONTESTANT.


THERE'S NO REASON TO DIE POINTLESSLY.
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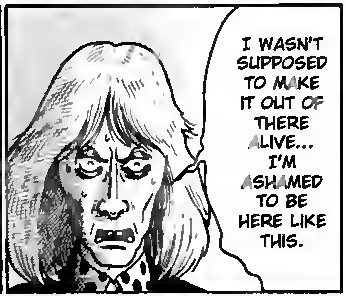
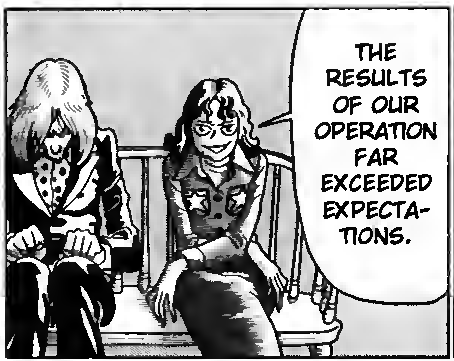

I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE... I'M ASHAMED TO BE HERE LIKE THIS.


THE RESULTS OF OUR OPERATION FAR EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS.

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.

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LIEU-TENANT !
ALTHOUGH K-I'S AD-LIBBING DID GIVE US A BIT OF A SCARE.
WHAT IS WITH YOUR LOOSE CONTROL OVER K-I!?
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ARE YOU SURE THAT WE CAN BE SO JOYOUS ?
MAKE THIS POINT VERY CLEAR TO K-I!!
WE DON'T NEED "RESULTS THAT EXCEED EXPECTATIONS!" KEEP IN MIND THAT A PLAN CAN ONLY SUCCEED BY YIELDING THE EXACT RESULTS WE WERE LOOKING FOR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?
SISTER ...
IF YOU THINK THAT K-I IS SOME OBEDIENT DOG, YOU'RE GRAVELY MISTAKEN ...
THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN K-I K-ICHI IS!!
ONCE HE GOES UP ON STAGE, NOBODY CAN KEEP HIM ON A LEASH...
FORGET A REVO-LUTION ...!
IF WE CAN USE HIM EFFEC-TIVELY ...
KYOKO! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING !!

IT'S DANGER-OUS...
SADOGAJIMA COULD BECOME THE RULER OF THE WORLD OVERNIGHT !!
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!!

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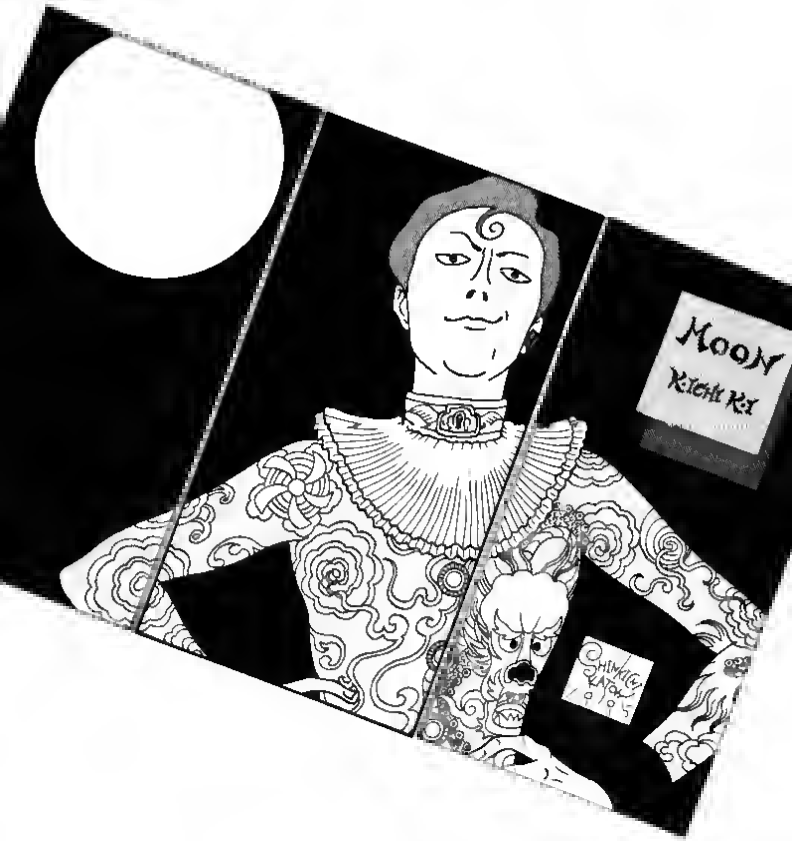
CRUSH JAPAN!



3 DAYS AFTER THAT NIGHT OF MADNESS ...
THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS STILL ON HIATUS!!
WHY HAS THE SHOW BEEN OFF THE AIR FOR 3 DAYS!?
SHOW US THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HURRY UP!
FUCK YOU!

I WAS SUPPOSED TO COMPETE ON TODAY'S SHOW!! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO!?
THE NATIONAL QUIZ OWES EVERY-THING TO THE CITI-ZENS!!
YOU CAN'T JUST IGNORE US!!

HERE IN SHIN-JUKU, ANGRY HORDES HAVE CONVERGED, DEMANDING THE RESUMPTION OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ...

THE EVIL POWERS AT THE QUIZ MINISTRY ARE REFUSING TO OFFER ANY SORT OF EXPLANATION ABOUT THE SUSPECTED BEHIND-THE-SCENES WRONGDOINGS, AND ARE PLOTTING THEIR NEXT MOVE TO CONTINUE EXPLOITING YOU MINDLESS FOOLS!!
INTO THE SUSPECTED LEAKING OF QUESTIONS ON THE SHOW!!
MANY IN THE CROWD ARE ALSO DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION...
TAKE YOUR RHETORIC AND PROPAGANDA BACK TO COLLEGE, PUNK!!
FUCK OFF; WE JUST WANT TO WATCH THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
UH ...
NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO RETURN TO OUR SACRED VALUES AND...
YOU COWARDS!! YOUR IGNORANCE IS WHAT CAUSED THIS COUNTRY TO BECOME SO VILE AND CORRUPT!!

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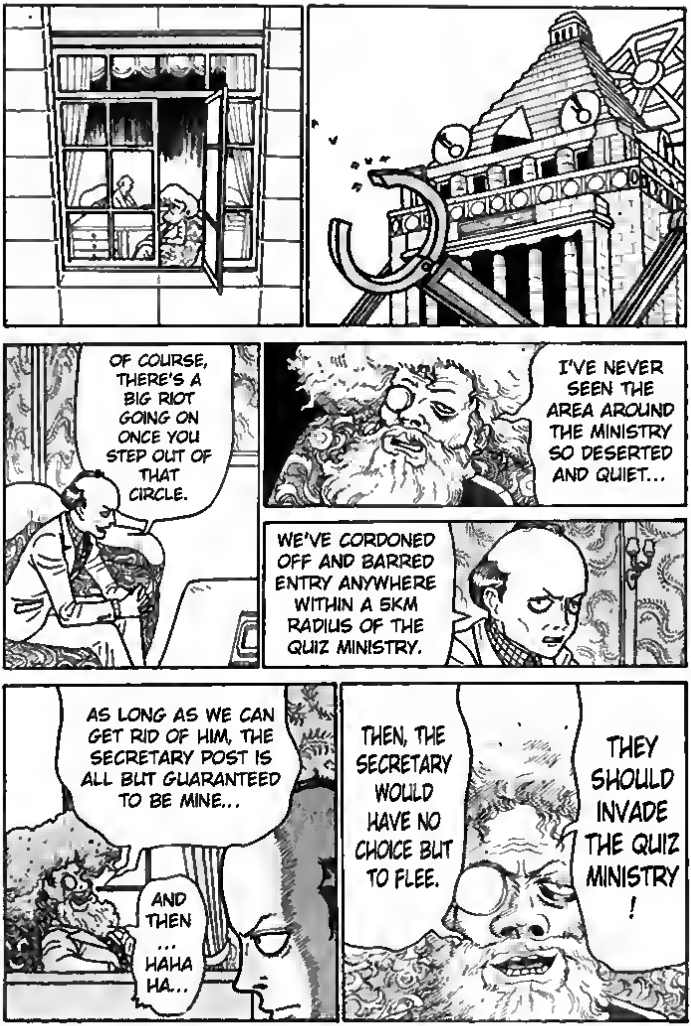
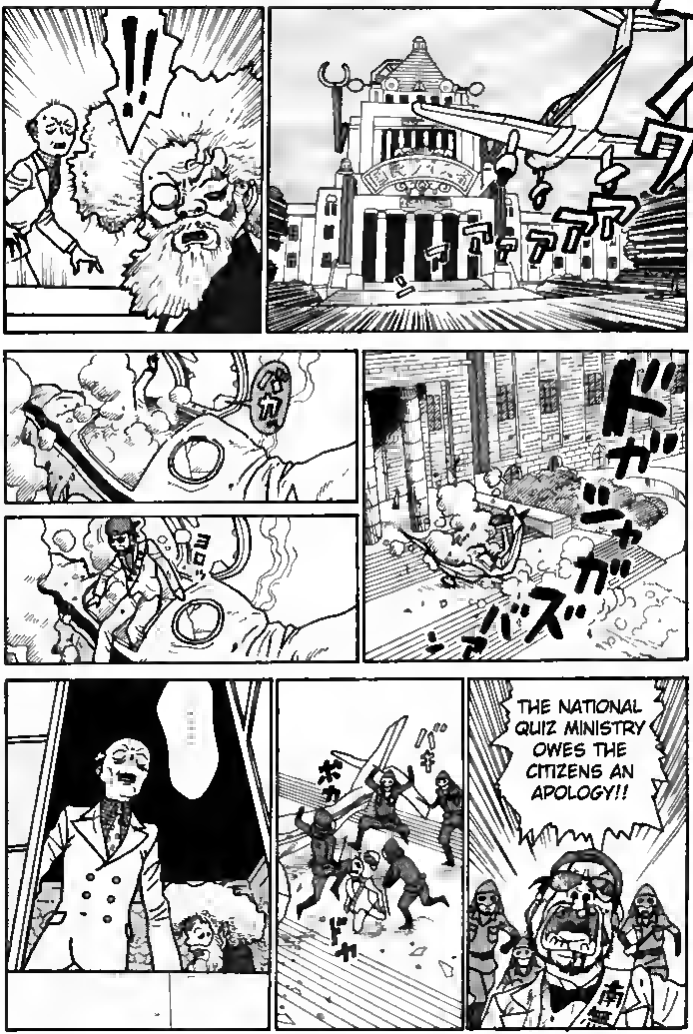
AH!
AH
AH
AH
THERE'S GOING TO BE A RIOT.
OH... SHIT.
WHO THE FUCK JUST FIRED!?
FINE, IT'S AN EYE FOR AN EYE!! POUND ANYBODY WHO ISN'T WITH US!!

WATER CANNONS !!


OF COURSE, THERE'S A BIG RIOT GOING ON ONCE YOU STEP OUT OF THAT CIRCLE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE AREA AROUND THE MINISTRY SO DESERTED AND QUIET...
WE'VE CORDONED OFF AND BARRED ENTRY ANYWHERE WITHIN A 5KM RADIUS OF THE QUIZ MINISTRY.
AS LONG AS WE CAN GET RID OF HIM, THE SECRETARY POST IS ALL BUT GUARANTEED TO BE MINE...
AND THEN ... HAHA HA...
THEN, THE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FLEE.
THEY SHOULD INVADE THE QUIZ MINISTRY !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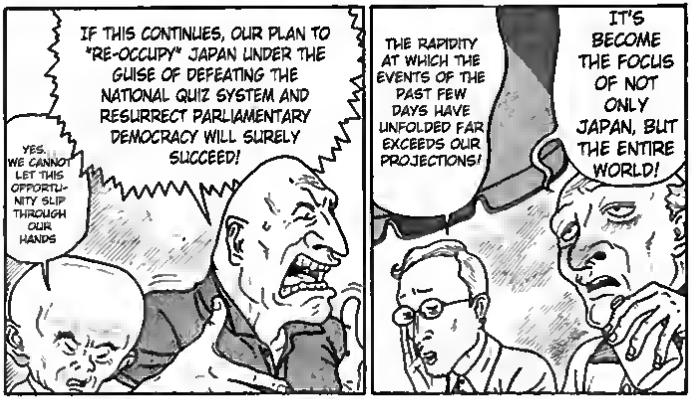
NEVADA, GROOM LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

IT'S BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE THAT FATEFUL NIGHT... DISTRUST TOWARDS THE NATIONAL QUIZ CONTINUES TO SURGE AMONGST THE CITIZENS OF JAPAN.


IF THIS CONTINUES, OUR PLAN TO "RE-OCCUPY" JAPAN UNDER THE GUISE OF DEFEATING THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM AND RESURRECT PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY WILL SURELY SUCCEED!
YES. WE CANNOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP THROUGH OUR HANDS
THE RAPIDITY AT WHICH THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE UNFOLDED FAR EXCEEDS OUR PROJECTIONS!
IT'S BECOME THE FOCUS OF NOT ONLY JAPAN, BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD!

Neo Atlantis
WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR "NEO ATLANTIS PROJECT," THE DIVVYING UP OF JAPAN, TO BE IMPEDED BY THE AD-LIBBING OF A SINGLE SHOWS HOST!
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PRE-CISELY!
I HAVE A PLAN!
EVERY-ONE!
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SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC
YES, AT THIS RATE, THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM IS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING BEFORE OUR PLAN COMES INTO OPERATION!
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THINGS ARE HAPPENING TOO QUICKLY
THIS IS NOT GOOD, COLONEL!
WE PROMISED THE OTHER COALITION COUNTRIES THAT WE WOULD DIVVY UP JAPAN, BUT WE CANNOT DO THAT!
JAPAN MUST BE REBORN AS THE SADO REPUBLIC!!
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SADO REPUBLIC
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WE WILL SETTLE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL ON THE DAY THAT THE SHOW RESUMES!
THE CURRENT HIATUS THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS ON IS ONLY AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. THE SHOW IS ONLY SLATED TO BE OFF-AIR FOR A WEEK!
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THE FINISHING BLOW MUST BE STRUCK NOT BY MAINLANDERS OR FOREIGNERS, BUT BY US, THE PEOPLE OF SADOGAJIMA!!
4 MORE DAYS ... HURRY! THE COALITION IS REACHING THE BREAKING POINT!
WHO KNOWS WHAT SORT OF STEPS THEY'LL TAKE IF THIS CONTINUES!!

PRISON
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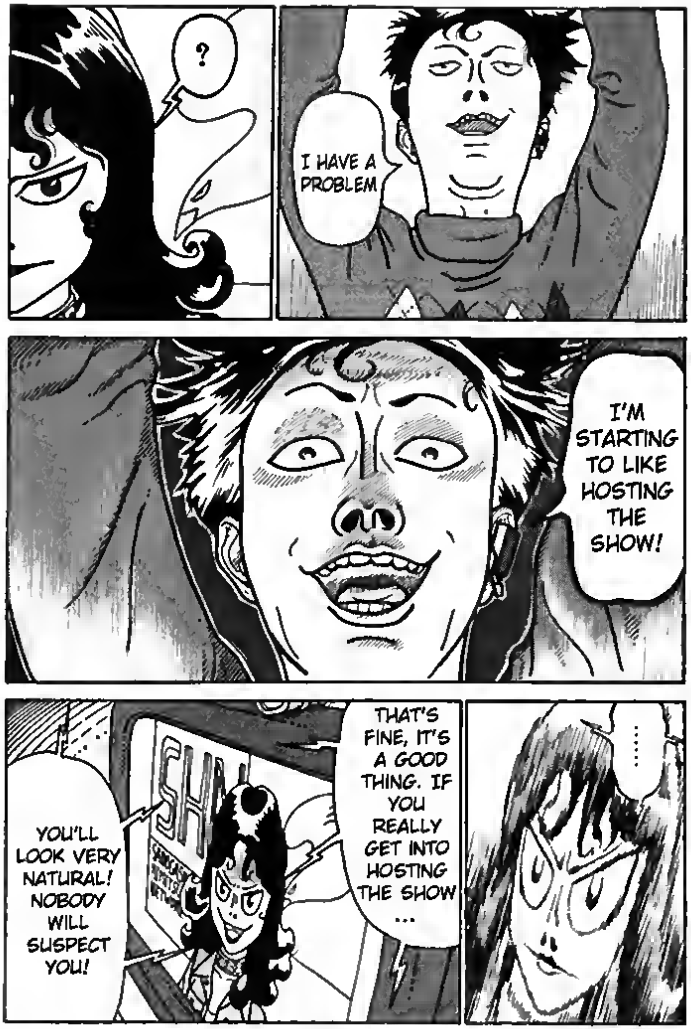
SADOGASHIMA
HIMITSU
NETWORK
YOU REALLY OUTDID YOURSELF, K-I.
YEAH ?

ROUTINE IS INDEED A SCARY THING: NOT BEING ON THE SHOW HAS STARTED MAKING ME FEEL A BIT ILL.
EVERY-BODY'S WORRIED, BECAUSE THE SHOW'S BEEN OFF-AIR FOR 3 DAYS.
LOOK AT ALL THOSE GIFTS! YOU'RE LIKE A HOSPITAL PATIENT.
YEAH, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I PULLED THAT OFF.
BUT WE HONESTLY DIDN'T EXPECT THAT ONE SHOW TO HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT.
ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN, WE WERE SUP-POSED TO HAVE 4 MORE SUICIDE CON-TESTANTS BEFORE WE MOVED ONTO THE "PROTEST" ...
I'M TOTALLY AWAKE NOW.
HOW EVER ...
YOU DEFIED EVEN YOUR VERY OWN CONSCIENCE: IMPRESSIVE.
IT WAS LIKE A DREAM.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I HAVE A PROBLEM
I'M STARTING TO LIKE HOSTING THE SHOW!
YOU'LL LOOK VERY NATURAL! NOBODY WILL SUSPECT YOU!
THAT'S FINE, IT'S A GOOD THING. IF YOU REALLY GET INTO HOSTING THE SHOW ...
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HEY, YUKI ...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO... IF I SAID THAT I WANTED TO CONTINUE BEING THE HOST OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ?
HMPH.

HAHAHA-
HAHAHA
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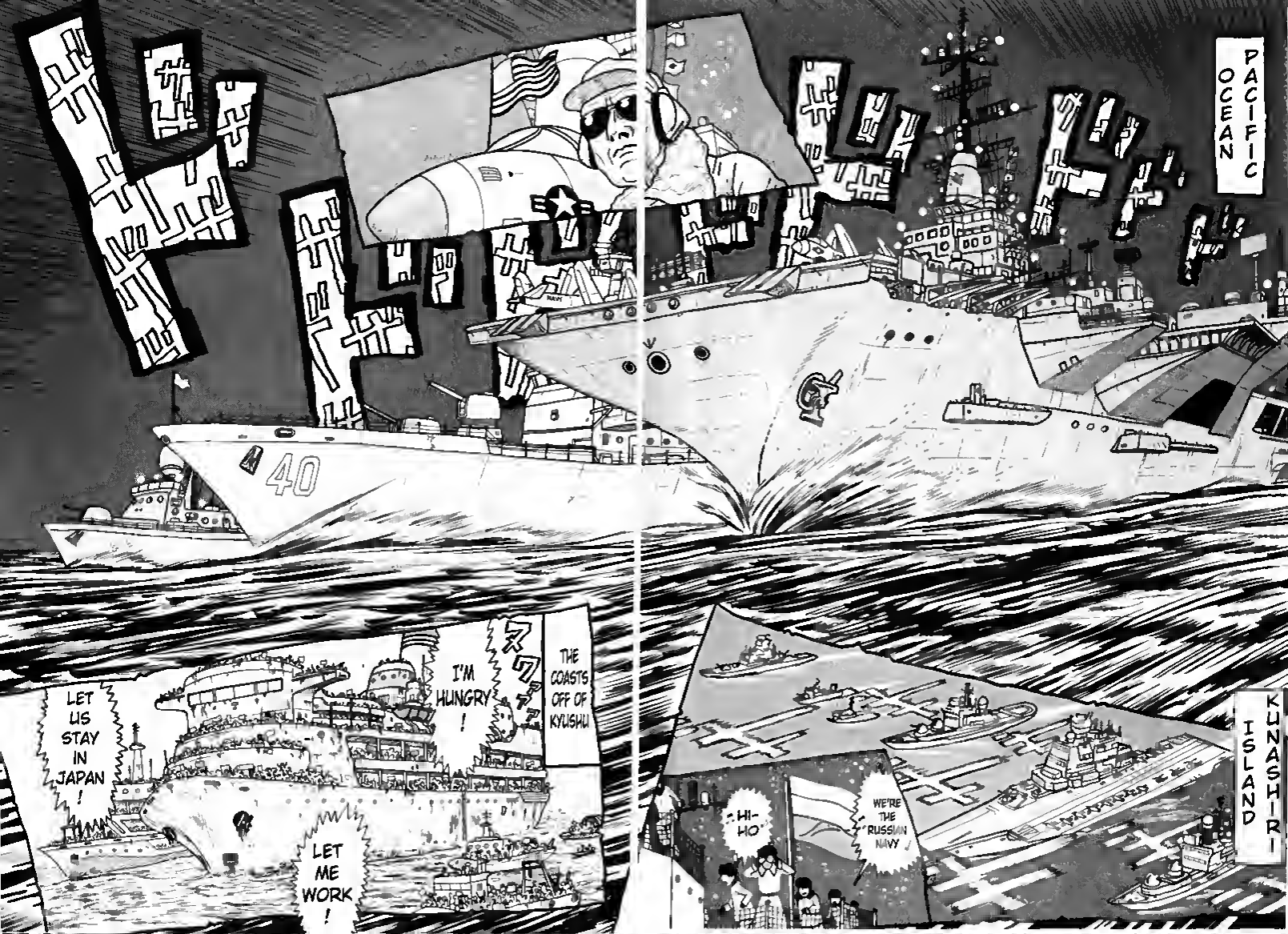
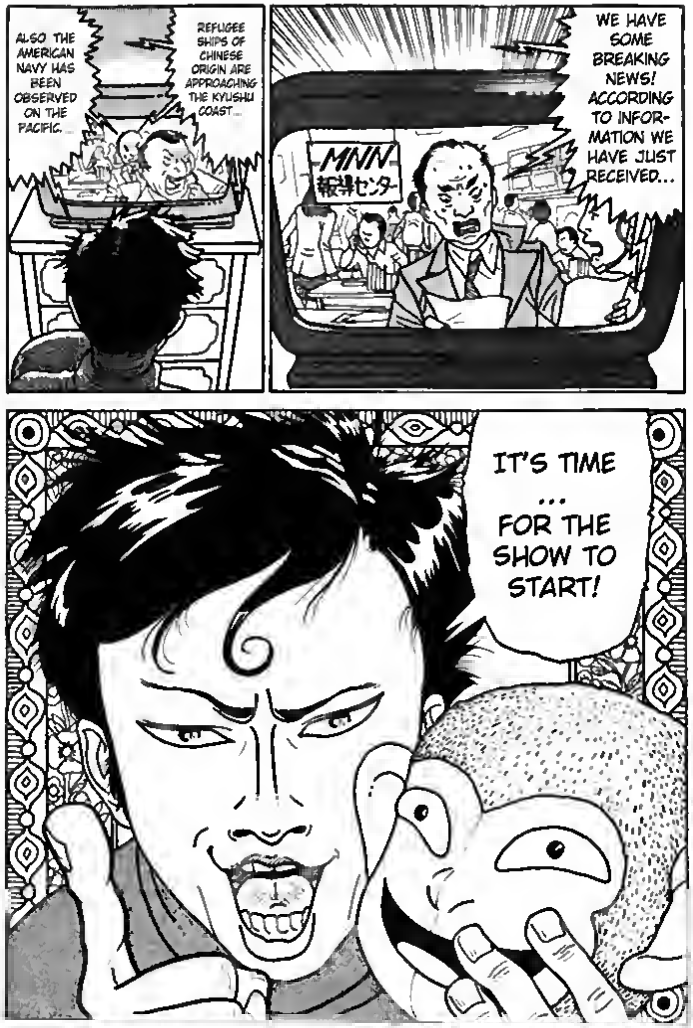
HA...
DO WHAT YOU WANT! DON'T WORRY; I'LL RECOVER YOUR CORPSE!!

WHAT IS IT?
PRESI-DENT!
WHAT !?
THE COALITION NATIONS ...!?


PACIFIC OCEAN
KUNASHIRI ISLAND
THE COASTS OFF OF KYUSHU
LET US STAY IN JAPAN!
I'M HUNGRY!
LET ME WORK!
HI-HO
WE'RE THE RUSSIAN NAVY


ALSO THE AMERICAN NAVY HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE PACIFIC...
REFUGEE SHIPS OF CHINESE ORIGIN ARE APPROACHING THE KYUSHU COAST...
WE HAVE SOME BREAKING NEWS! ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED...
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報道センター
IT'S TIME ... FOR THE SHOW TO START!

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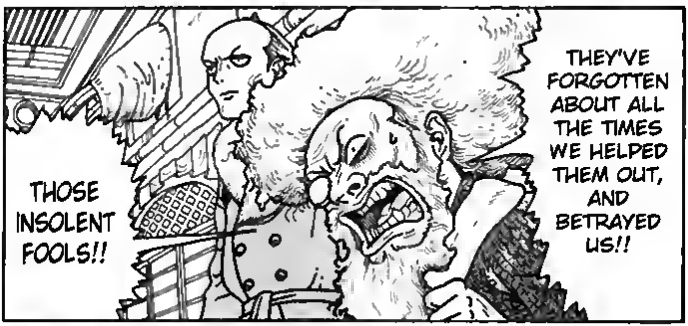
THOSE IDIOTS IN THE UN!!


THOSE INSOLENT FOOLS!!
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ALL THE TIMES WE HELPED THEM OUT, AND BETRAYED US!!

THE FREEZING OF OVERSEAS ASSETS BELONGING TO JAPANESE NATIONALS, ETC...
INDEFINITE EXTENSION OF LOANS ...
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN... A BAN ON ALL TRADE, INCLUDING THE EXPORT OF FOOD...

NO WONDER ALL THE BUREAUCRATS FROM THE QUIZ MINISTRY HAVE DESERTED.
YES. THE CITIZENS HAVE FOCUSED ALL OF THEIR ANGER AND DISCONTENT RIGHT HERE, ON THE NATIONAL QUIZ MINISTRY.
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HAHAHA! THE SECRETARY AND HIS LACKEYS ALL RAN OFF, THOSE COWARDS!!
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IN ANY CASE, IT MEANS A VICTORY FOR THE CENTRAL DIRECTOR... I'M SORRY, THE NEW SECRETARY!
CON-GRATU-LATIONS.
HAHA HA!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, YOU HAVE NO STAKES IN THIS MATTER!!
K-I! LISTEN UP!!
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NOW THAT MY ENEMIES WITHIN THE MINISTRY ARE GONE, IT'S THE UN WHO ARE A THORN IN OUR SIDE!

AND THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN, K-I. YOU'RE OUR ONE BEACON OF HOPE.
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!!
THOSE BASTARDS ARE TRYING TO SNEAK INTO JAPAN AMIDST ALL THIS CHAOS, TO TRY AND SET UP A NEW DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT!!
FOR THAT ...
WE NEED MORE IMPACT THAN OUR REGULAR SHOWS.
WE WILL APPEAL TO THE WORLD HOW THE NATIONAL QUIZ, AND JAPAN, WILL NOT BE WEAKENED BY SUCH CHEAP TACTICS!
ON MARCH 1ST, WHICH IS IN ANOTHER 2 DAYS, THE NATIONAL QUIZ WILL RESUME BROADCASTING WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.
ONCE THE STAGE IS CLEAR, WE WILL SEND EXTRAS OUT INTO THE STREETS, AND PLAY UP THE IMAGE OF A PEACEFUL, STABLE JAPAN!
THE POLICE, SS AND MILITARY ARE CLEARING OUT THE ENTIRE CITY AS WE SPEAK.

THE NEXT NATIONAL QUIZ WILL LEAVE THE STUDIO AND BROADCAST LIVE FROM WITHIN THE CITY!!
THIS MOBILE PAGODA WILL CARRY THE CONTESTANTS AS IT ROARS THROUGH THE STREETS!!
OH... I ALMOST FORGOT.
YOU HAVE A VISITOR.
!?
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU: YOU'RE OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!!
LEAVE EVERY-THING TO ME! I'LL MAKE SURE WE PUT ON A GOOD SHOW!

IS... IS THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENING!? HAS JAPAN GONE MAD!?
THE UNBELIEVABLE HAS HAPPENED!
THE RIOT POLICE HAVE OPENED FIRE ON CITIZENS!!
HAS THE NATIONAL QUIZ ADMINISTRATION LOST THEIR MINDS?
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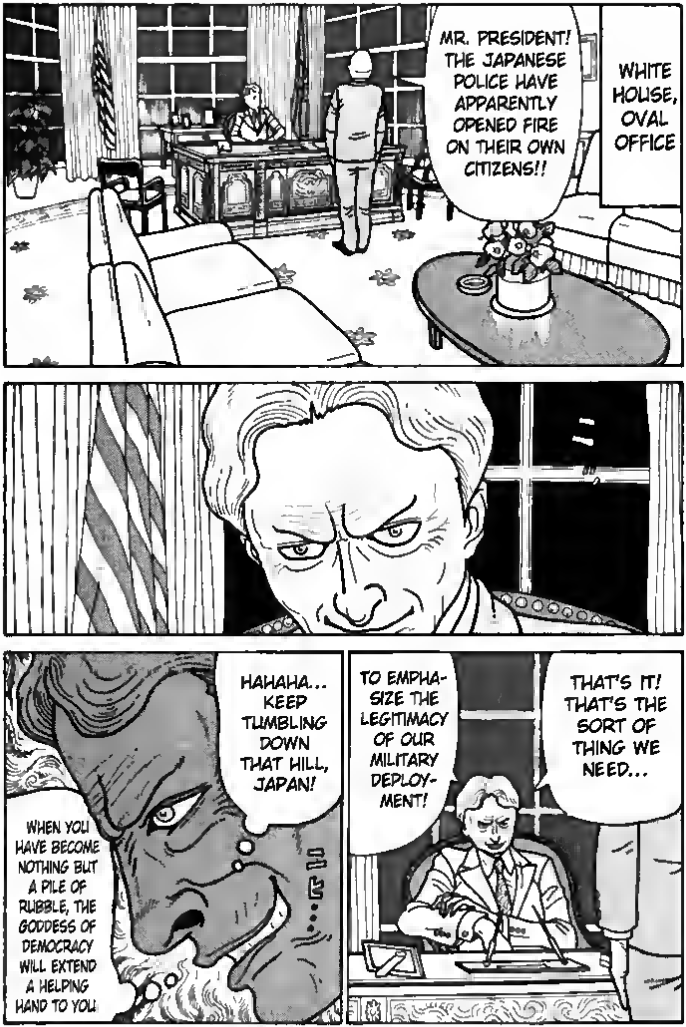
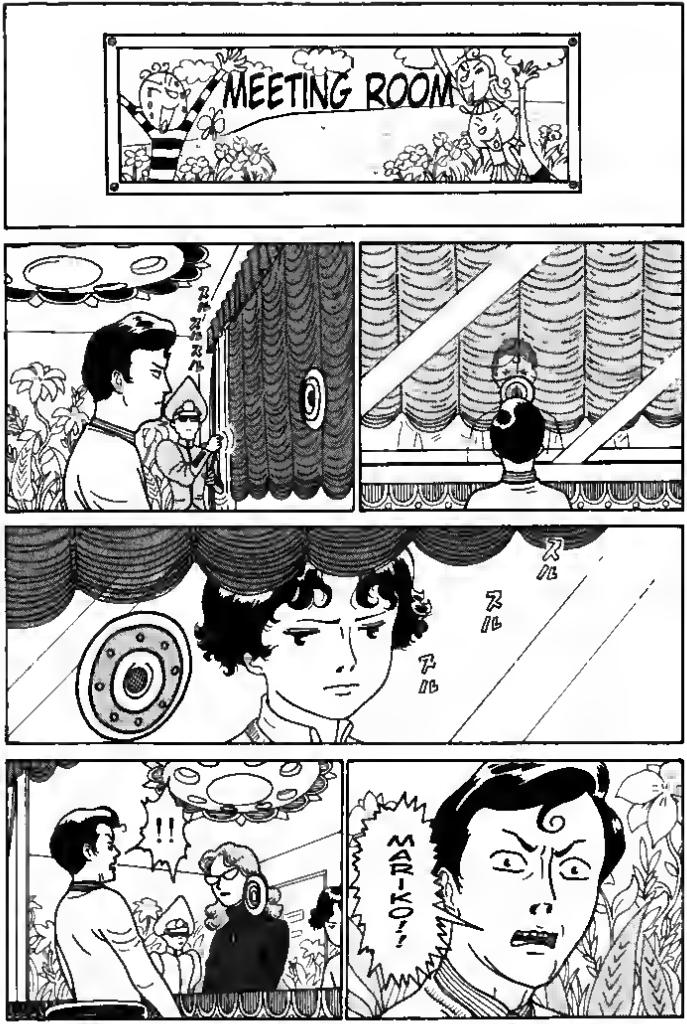

WHITE HOUSE, OVAL OFFICE
MR. PRESIDENT! THE JAPANESE POLICE HAVE APPARENTLY OPENED FIRE ON THEIR OWN CITIZENS!!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE SORT OF THING WE NEED...
TO EMPHASIZE THE LEGITIMACY OF OUR MILITARY DEPLOYMENT!
HAHAHA... KEEP TUMBLING DOWN THAT HILL, JAPAN!
WHEN YOU HAVE BECOME NOTHING BUT A PILE OF RUBBLE, THE GODDESS OF DEMOCRACY WILL EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO YOU.

WE WILL MAKE MARCH 1ST, THE DAY THE NATIONAL QUIZ RESUMES, OUR "X DAY" ...
X DAY
GET A HOLD OF THE LEADERS !
CONTACT RUSSIA AND CHINA!
WILL IMMEDIATELY BOMB TOKYO...!!
AND THE AMERICAN MILITARY, UNDER THE NAME OF JUSTICE...
X DAY


MEETING ROOM
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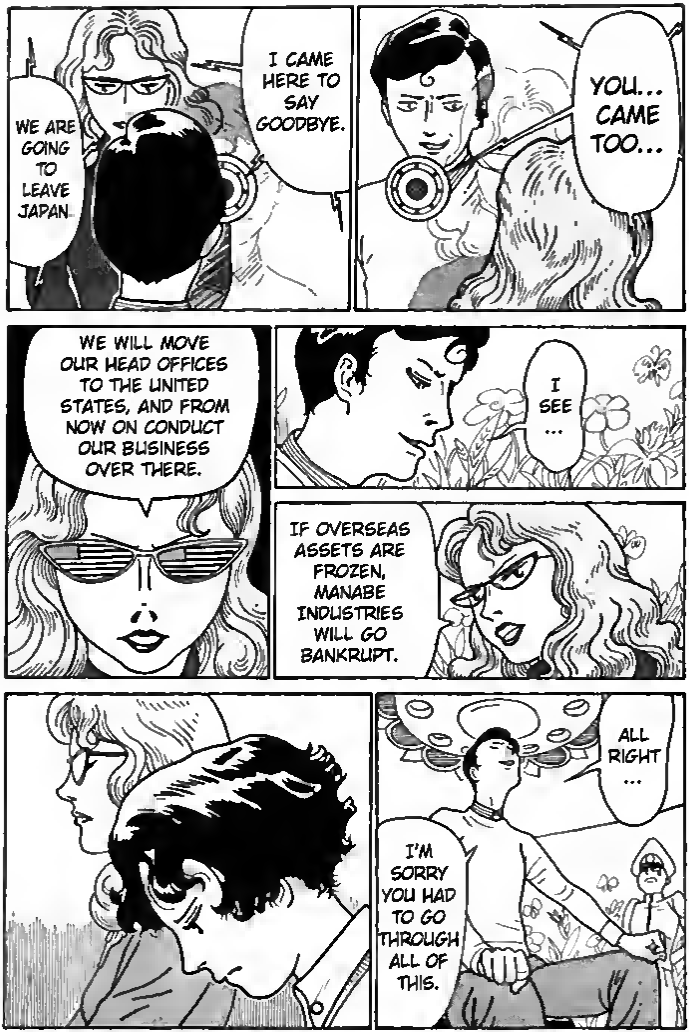
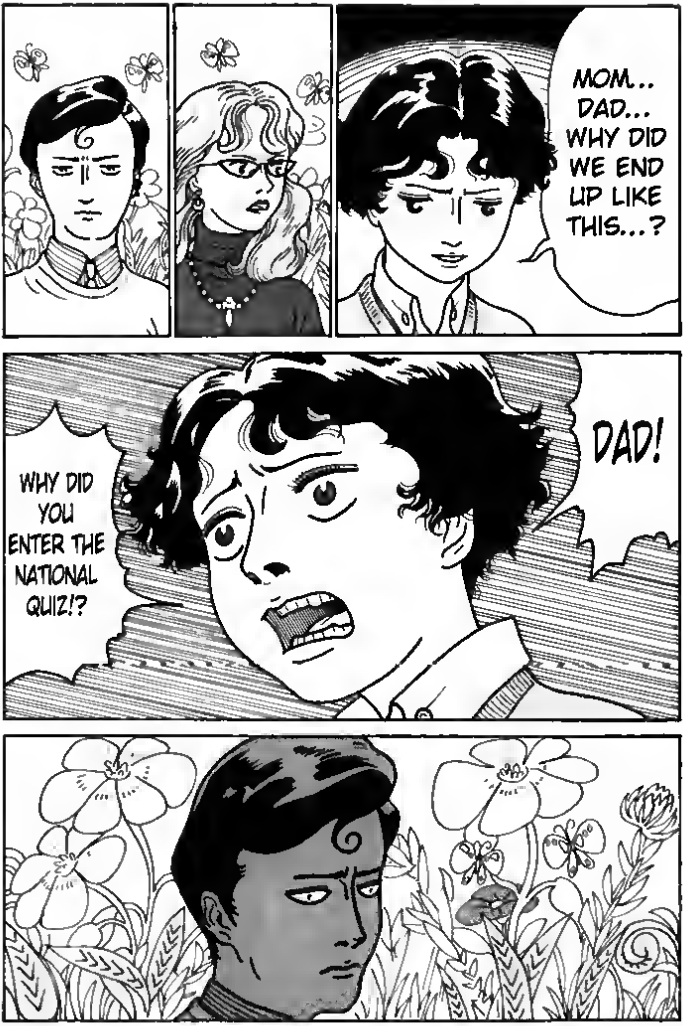
MARIKO!!


I CAME HERE TO SAY GOODBYE.
WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE JAPAN.
YOU... CAME TOO...
I SEE ...
WE WILL MOVE OUR HEAD OFFICES TO THE UNITED STATES, AND FROM NOW ON CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS OVER THERE.
IF OVERSEAS ASSETS ARE FROZEN, MANABE INDUSTRIES WILL GO BANKRUPT.
ALL RIGHT ...
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS.


MOM... DAD... WHY DID WE END UP LIKE THIS...?
DAD!
WHY DID YOU ENTER THE NATIONAL QUIZ!?

DAD, TELL ME!!
I'LL ...
MARIKO... WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK HERE...
I WANTED TO SHOW OFF TO MOM...
AT THAT TIME, I WAS AN ACTOR, BUT A RELATIVE UNKNOWN ...
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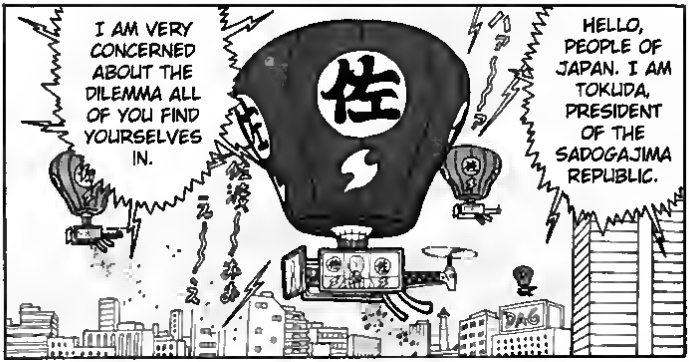
AND STARTED LOOKING MORE AND MORE ATTRACTIVE AS WELL.
SHE IMMEDIATELY STARTED SHOWING TALENT AS AN ENTREPRENEUR...
MOM, ON THE OTHER HAND, BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF MANABE TRADING AFTER YOUR GRANDPA DIED.
I STARTED FEELING A BIT NERVOUS ...
YOU REMEMBER THAT, DON'T YOU? HOW THE HOUSE STARTED FEELING VERY LONELY AROUND THAT TIME ...
DAD DEVELOPED AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX TOWARDS MOM...
THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE TOP COMPANIES IN JAPAN AND AN UNKNOWN ACTOR ARE A WORLD APART ...
I DECIDED THAT I HAD NOTHING TO LOSE, AND ENTERED THE NATIONAL QUIZ.
AND THEN, WE DIVORCED.

MY WISH WAS AN ACADEMY AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR ...
THAT'S ...
SO...
LAME !!
MARIKO!!
THIS IS THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE


HELLO, PEOPLE OF JAPAN. I AM TOKUDA, PRESIDENT OF THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC.
I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DILEMMA ALL OF YOU FIND YOURSELVES IN.
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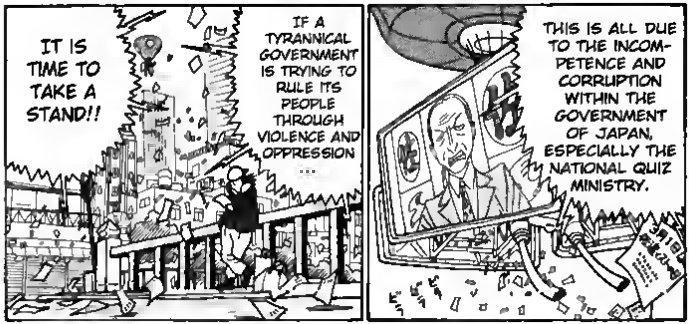
IT IS TIME TO TAKE A STAND!!
IF A TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO RULE ITS PEOPLE THROUGH VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION ...
THIS IS ALL DUE TO THE INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, ESPECIALLY THE NATIONAL QUIZ MINISTRY.
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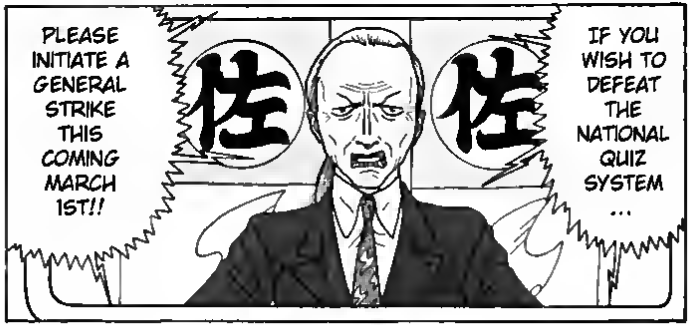
PLEASE INITIATE A GENERAL STRIKE THIS COMING MARCH 1ST!!
IF YOU WISH TO DEFEAT THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM ...
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UGGH ... TOKUDA
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I ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL EXTEND A HELPING HAND!!
THEY'RE CALLING FOR A COUP D'ETAT ...
THIS IS QUITE OBVIOUSLY AN INTERVENTION INTO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.
THEY'VE BEEN HIJACKING VARIOUS PRIVATE STATIONS FOR THE LAST HOUR.
THIS .. THIS IS...
WE'RE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING WHERE THE SIGNALS ARE COMING FROM..
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IT'S A GREAT EXCUSE TO START A WAR!!

NOBODY WILL HAVE GROUNDS TO COMPLAIN IF WE FOLLOW PROPER PROTOCOL !!
I KNOW THAT!! I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN THE LAST 3 DAYS, BUT MY MIND IS STILL VERY CLEAR!!
S... SECRETARY, IF WE DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WE'LL FACE EVEN STRONGER CRITICISM FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY!!
THE PRIZE I WISH FOR WILL BE A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC.
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I WILL BECOME A CONTESTANT ON THE NATIONAL QUIZ...
I'D BETTER GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE...
GAHAHA
AND I'LL WIN FAIRLY, WITHOUT ANY CHEATING OR OUTSIDE HELP, AND THEN PROCEED TO DECLARE WAR!!

PRISON
ANOTHER JUMPER ?
THERE'S A LOT OF UNREST LATELY . .
DID YOU MEET WITH MARIKO?
SIADOGASHIRA HIMITSU NETWORK
I'M SORRY THAT I DIDN'T TELL YOU... MARIKO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US AS PART OF OUR GROUP.
YOU KNOW ABOUT EVERY-THING, DON'T YOU?
HAH ...
!!
BUT WHO KNOWS ...
SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD HER MOTHER'S PERMISSION ...
SHE EVEN VOLUN-TEERED TO BE A SUICIDE CONTES-TANT.
SHE'S A REALLY GOOD GIRL, SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO FREE HER DAD...

I'M SITTING HERE, ACTING LIKE A PRIMA DONNA WHILE MY DAUGHTER IS GOING THROUGH SO MUCH...
ME, A TV BIG-SHOT!? WHAT A JOKE! I'M JUST A TOOL!!
A PIECE OF SCUM ...
I'M...
YUKI ...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
SADOGAS HIMITS NETWO
I'LL LET THE WILL OF THE CITIZENS TAKE OVER ME!!
IF I'M A TOOL, THEN SO BE IT!

AND I WILL PUT EVERYTHING ON THE LINE TO OVERTURN THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!!
THAT'S FINE!
EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT THE END RESULT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU GUYS HAD PLANNED! I WILL SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE!!
SO THIS IS IT... I'LL BE WAITING!!

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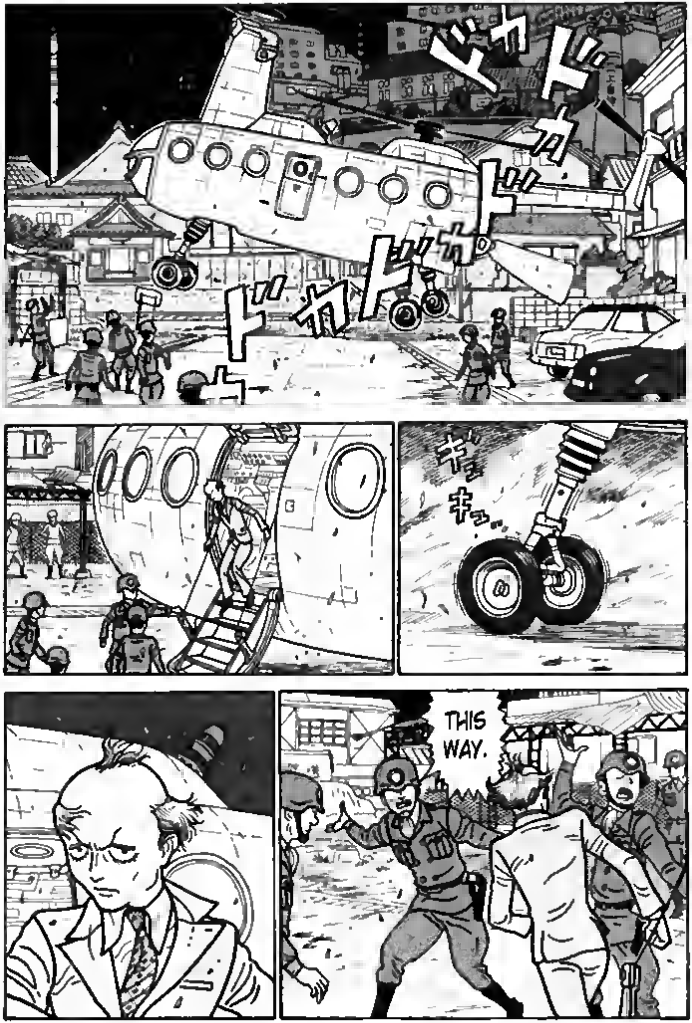
EMPEROR
KETCHUP
第42話
CITIZENS OF GREED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THIS WAY.

FIND THEM AT ALL COST.
ROUND UP ALL OF THE RESIDENTS! THEY MAY STILL BE HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING!
I SEE. A SECRET SADOGA-JIMA NETWORK ...
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SADOGASHIMA HIMITSU NETWORK
DID YOU FIND ANY-THING?
YOU'RE RIGHT WE FOUND SOMETHING: THOSE BASTARDS DIDN'T EVEN ATTEMPT TO HIDE THE EVI-DENCE! THEY JUST LEFT EVERYTHING AS-IS!
HOWEVER ... THE QUESTION IS...
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SADOGASHIMA HIMITSU NETWORK
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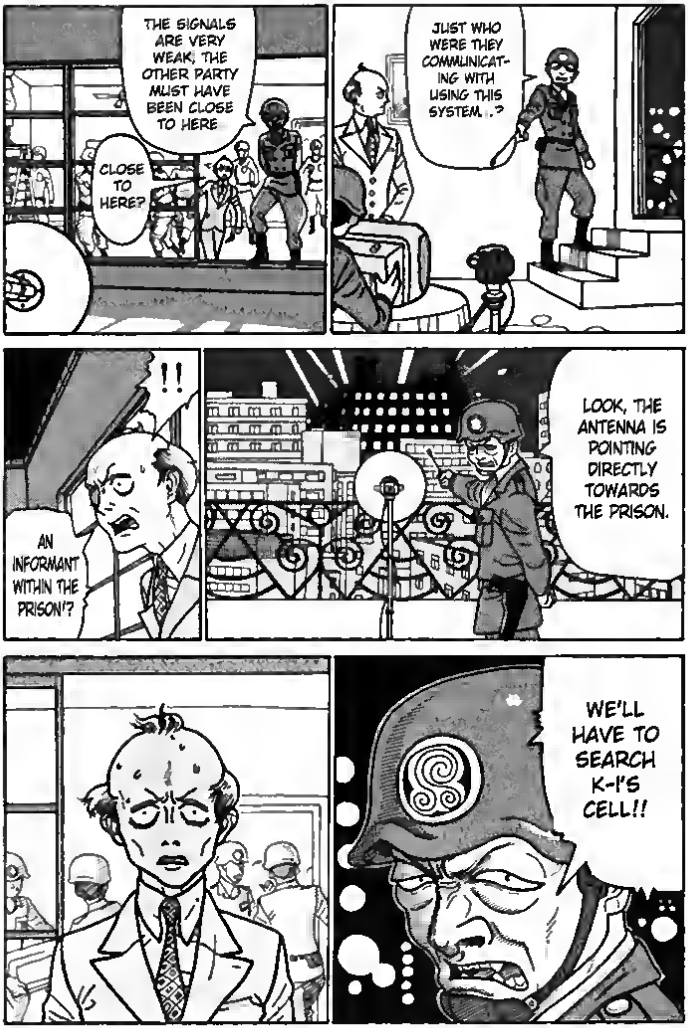
YES! JUST AS WE SUS-PECTED, THAT WOMAN WE SAW GOING IN AND OUT OF THE MANABE RESIDENCE WAS A SADOGA-JIMA AGENT!


THE SIGNALS ARE VERY WEAK; THE OTHER PARTY MUST HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO HERE
CLOSE TO HERE?
JUST WHO WERE THEY COMMUNICATING WITH USING THIS SYSTEM..?
!!
AN INFORMANT WITHIN THE PRISON!?
LOOK, THE ANTENNA IS POINTING DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE PRISON.
WE'LL HAVE TO SEARCH K-1'S CELL!!

IT'S BEEN A WEEK ...!!
BUT NOW IT'S TIME YET AGAIN FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!

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TODAY, WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL EPISODE FOR ALL OF YOU!!

WE WILL BROADCAST LIVE FROM THIS MOBILE STUDIO AS WE PARADE THROUGH THE STREETS OF TOKYO!!
TO CELEBRATE THE REVIVAL OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ...
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I'M HEADING OVER THERE RIGHT NOW!!
LOOK IN EVERY AREA IMAGINABLE FOR ANY CAMERAS OR TRANSMITTING DEVICES!!

SEARCH K-1'S CELL!!

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IT'S MURA-KOSHI!!
HEY !!

THE CABINET SHOULD RESIGN !!
FUCK OFF, QUIZ MINIS-TRY!!

RUN, NAITOU !!

KILL HIM!
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YOU'RE WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES: IF YOU HIDE IN THE CROWD YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE!!
I... UNDER-STAND.
RUN! AND SEARCH K-I'S CELL!!
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AND NOW... OUR NEXT CONTESTANT !!
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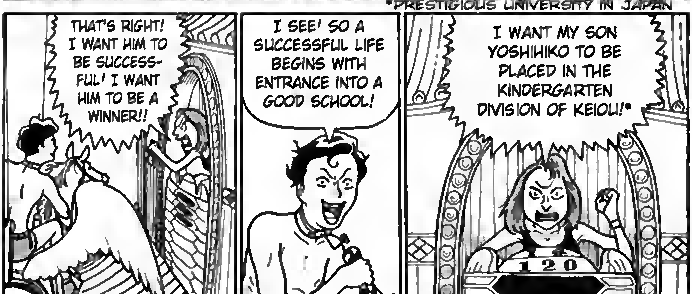
*PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN


THAT'S RIGHT! I WANT HIM TO BE SUCCESSFUL! I WANT HIM TO BE A WINNER!!
I SEE! SO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE BEGINS WITH ENTRANCE INTO A GOOD SCHOOL!
I WANT MY SON YOSHIHIKO TO BE PLACED IN THE KINDERGARTEN DIVISION OF KEIOU!*
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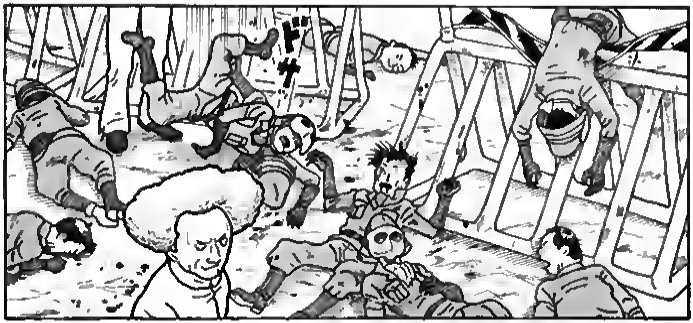
MONEY !!
HAHAHA, I WISH YOU LUCK. I HOPE YOU WIN AND RAKE IN THE MONEY!!
GIVE ME WINNING LOTTERY TICKETS !!
LOTTERY TICKETS!!
I SEE!! WELL, NEXT WE HAVE ...



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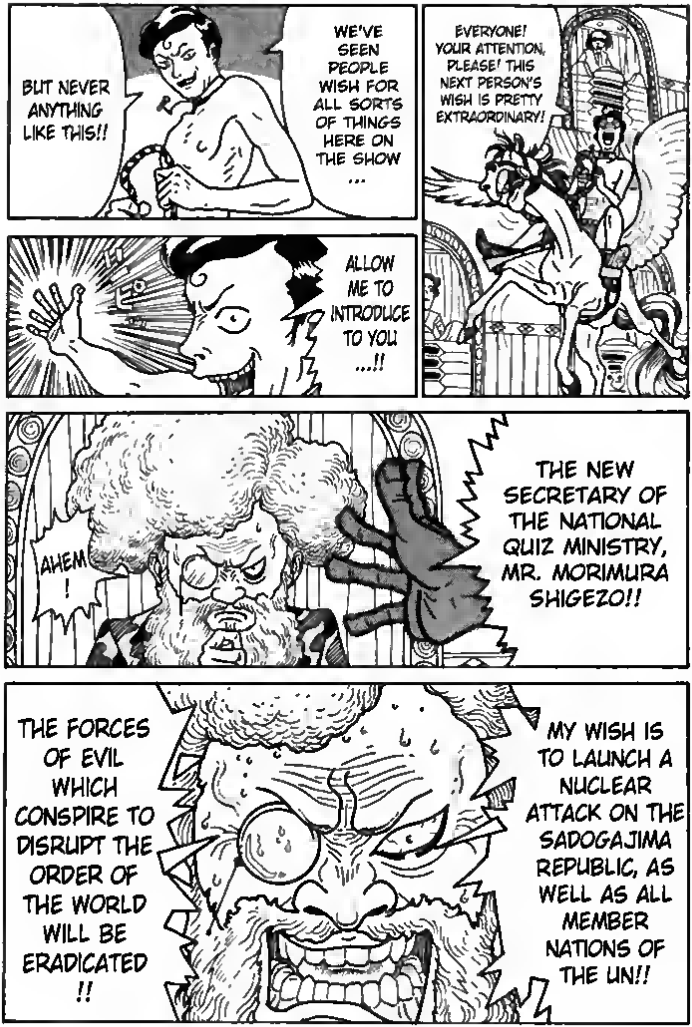
ALL TAKEN CARE OF!

NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS CHARGE THE NATIONAL QUIZ MINISTRY!!
VERY GOOD!! THOSE WRESTLERS SURE TOOK SWIFT CARE OF THE BARRICADES!


BUT NEVER ANYTHING LIKE THIS!!
WE'VE SEEN PEOPLE WISH FOR ALL SORTS OF THINGS HERE ON THE SHOW ...
EVERYONE! YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE! THIS NEXT PERSON'S WISH IS PRETTY EXTRAORDINARY!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU ...!!
AHEM!
THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ MINISTRY, MR. MORIMURA SHIGEZO!!
THE FORCES OF EVIL WHICH CONSPIRE TO DISRUPT THE ORDER OF THE WORLD WILL BE ERADICATED !!
MY WISH IS TO LAUNCH A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE SADOGAJIMA REPUBLIC, AS WELL AS ALL MEMBER NATIONS OF THE UN!!

THE MOMENT I WIN, I'LL PRESS THIS BUTTON TO LAUNCH THE MISSILES!!
I CANNOT TOLERATE THEIR RIDICULOUS ANTICS ANY LONGER!!
HMPH !!
GEE, SIR, YOU REALLY DID GO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION!!
IF HE WINS, JAPAN... NO, THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE DOOMED!!
WE'VE GOT QUITE A SITUATION HERE!!
I'LL GIVE THE ANSWER !!
HA HA HA
MONEY !!
NEXT !!
HURRY UP AND START THE SHOW!!
GIMME MONEY !!
WHO CARES !!

THIS IS IT!
BUT...
AT A GLANCE, IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY LIGHTER
IT BECOMES A MINIATURE TRANSMITTER.
IF YOU CONNECT THIS CORD TO THE TV,
IT WAS SITTING IN PLAIN SIGHT, NEXT TO THE ASHTRAY.

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YOU IDIOT !!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT...?
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HOW COULD MY ENEMY HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE!?
D.. DIREC-TOR..
LET GO OF ME!!
TELL ME WHAT YOU WISH FOR!!
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I DON'T CARE IF HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A BROAD-CAST!!
WE'RE TAKING K-I OFF OF THE SHOW!!
BLESSED BY THE GODDESS OF GREED IS THE ONE WHO WHINES THE LOUDEST !!
GET THE CAR!! WE'RE GOING AFTER THE PARADE!!
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OK, LET'S INTRODUCE OUR NEXT CONTESTANT !!

WELCOME, MISS!!
TELL ME WHAT YOU DESIRE!!

I WISH FOR FURTHER ENFORCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!
WE, THE CITIZENS MUST BAND TOGETHER AS ONE TO PROTECT OUR BELOVED SYSTEM DURING THESE STRESSFUL TIMES!!
LET'S MAKE ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL QUIZ MANDATORY!!
ALL CITIZENS, LIKE IT OR NOT, WILL COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL QUIZ TO DECIDE THEIR DESTINY!!
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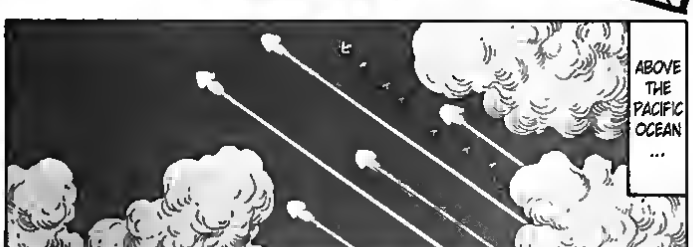
INCREDIBLE
IF THIS PERSON WINS, ALL OF US CAN OFFER UP OUR LIVES TO THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM!!

I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR AN HOUR ALREADY!!
YEAH, HURRY UP AND GET ON WITH THE SHOW!!
WHO CARES ABOUT CONTESTANT INTRODUCTIONS!!
I WANT A HOUSE !!
LET ME EAT RAMEN !!
MAKE ME MANAGER !!
I WANT MONEY !!
KILL THAT BASTARD !!
CHICKS, CHICKS !!
A GOOD SCHOOL !!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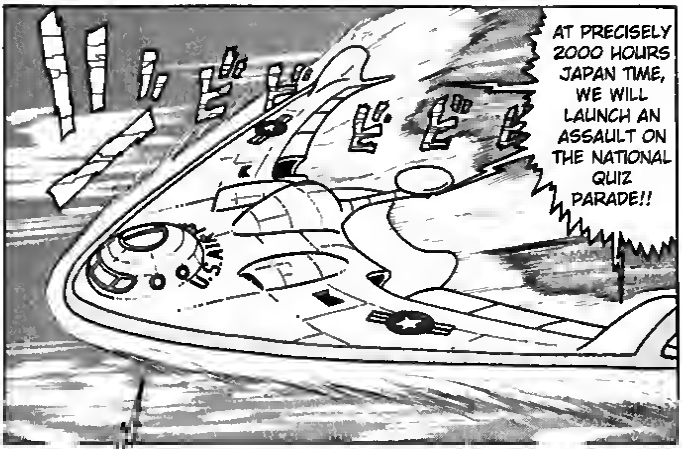
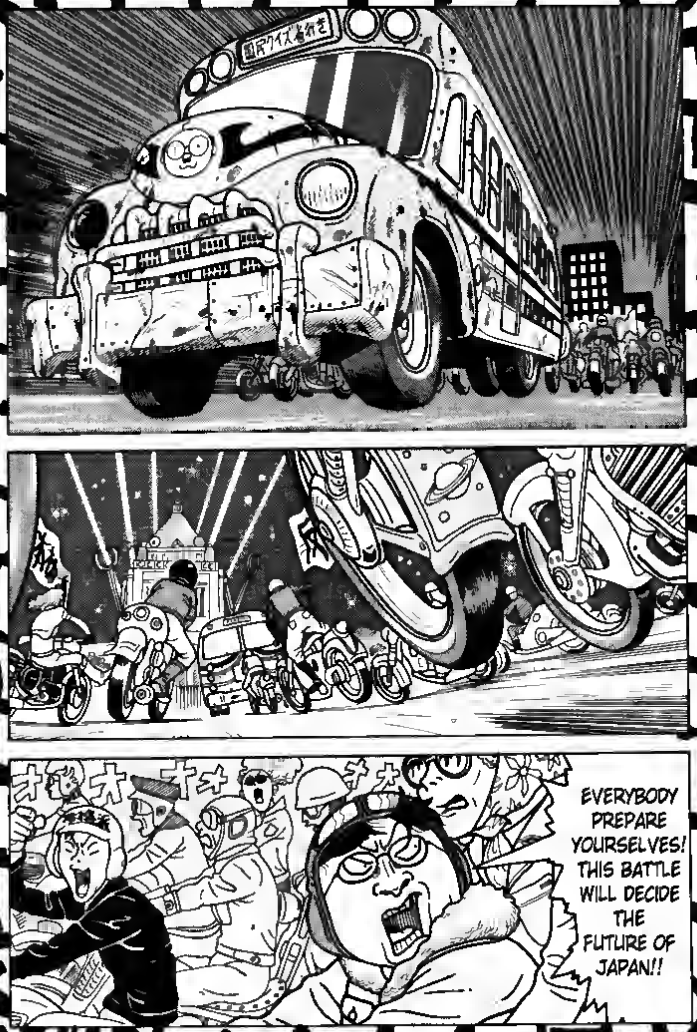

AT PRECISELY 2000 HOURS JAPAN TIME, WE WILL LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE NATIONAL QUIZ PARADE!!

OUR PRIMARY TARGET IS THE HOST, K-! K-ICHI!!

TRANSLATOR.
EMPEROR KETCHUP
第43話
RUN TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY!


EVERYBODY PREPARE YOURSELVES! THIS BATTLE WILL DECIDE THE FUTURE OF JAPAN!!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
OPEN THE GATES!!
EVERYONE SPREAD OUT AND TAKE YOUR POSITIONS!!
COMING THROUGH !!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!
YEAH, MY LUCK MIGHT RUN OUT!!
HURRY UP AND START THE QUIZ!!
GA HA- HA HA HA
HAH.
I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN I WAS ON THE SHOW!
I UNDER- STAND ALL TOO WELL HOW YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW!!

YOU DON'T GIVE A RAT'S ASS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES' WISHES!
YOU'VE ALL CLIMBED THIS FAR, SHOULDERING YOUR OWN DESTINIES!!
LOOK AT THEM! THOSE FACES, CONTORTED WITH GREED AND READY TO BURST!
GRIP
I CAN'T BACK DOWN FROM YOU PEOPLE EITHER!
I'M EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN USUAL: THE REVIVAL OF THE SHOW IS AT STAKE!
THEY ALL LOOK SO GOOD ...

I AM THE PEOPLES' SLAVE!!
I LOVE SEEING ALL OF YOU DISPLAY YOUR TRUE NATURE MORE THAN ANYTHING!!
NOW SING YOUR SONGS OF GREED!! INSULTS AND PRAISE ALIKE ARE SERMONS TO MY EARS!!

NOW IS THE TIME TO UNLEASH YOURSELF!! THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO TABOOS HERE!!
LET ME ANSWER !!
QUIZ!! QUIZ!!
I'MA DO IT!!
HAHAHA, EXCELLENT!
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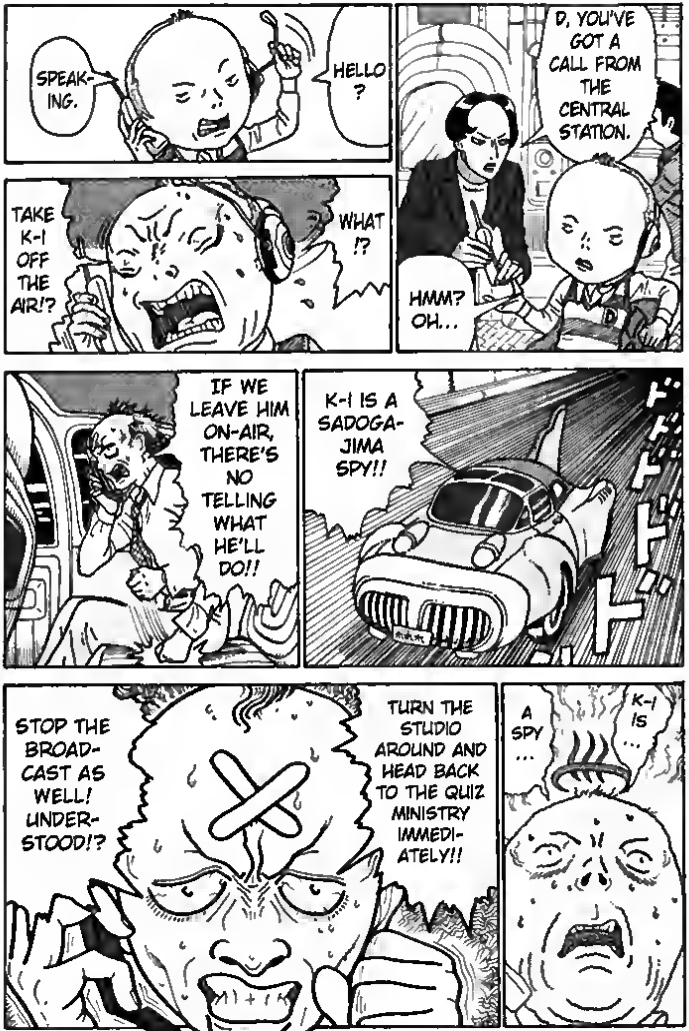
HAHAHA!! THIS IS THE NATIONAL QUIZ!! THIS IS THE TRUE NATURE OF MANKIND!! CRY! LAUGH! SCREAM!!
YOU'RE A GENIUS!


SPEAK-ING.
HELLO ?
D, YOU'VE GOT A CALL FROM THE CENTRAL STATION.
HMM? OH...
TAKE K-I OFF THE AIR!?
WHAT !?
IF WE LEAVE HIM ON-AIR, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO!!
K-I IS A SADOGA-JIMA SPY!!
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STOP THE BROAD-CAST AS WELL! UNDER-STOOD!?
TURN THE STUDIO AROUND AND HEAD BACK TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY IMMEDI-ATELY!!
A SPY ...
K-I IS ...

WE MUST PASS DOWN THE NATIONAL QUIZ TO THE NEXT GENERATION AT ALL COSTS!!
MY WISH IS TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL QUIZ PLATFORM! MAKE PARTICIPATION IN THE QUIZ MANDATORY AND SENTENCE VIOLATORS TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT!
OK THEN! PLEASE TELL US ONCE MORE IN DETAIL WHAT YOUR WISH IS!!
EVERYBODY TOGETHER NOW...
OH BOY, NOW THIS IS GREAT!
K-I, EVERYONE, PLEASE JOIN ME!
HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
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HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANY LONGER!
HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
HOORAY FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
I'M GOING DOWN TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY !!
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D... DAD ?
IF THIS NUTCASE WINS, JAPAN WILL BE DOOMED!!
HEY, ARE YOU ALL HEADING DOWN TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY !?
DAMN STRAIGHT!! WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!!
HEY, WAIT ...
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DAD ...
GOD-DAMNIT !!

HOO RAY !!
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HOO ...
RAY ?
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WHAT ...IS THAT ?
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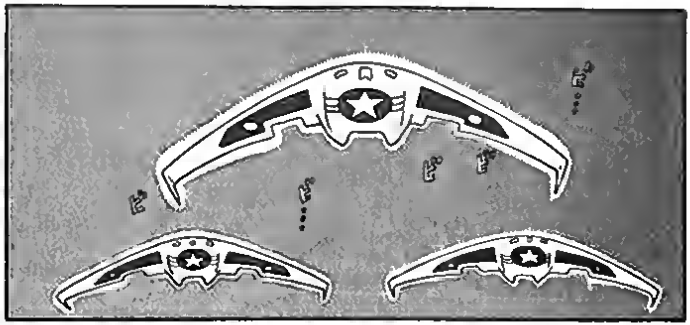
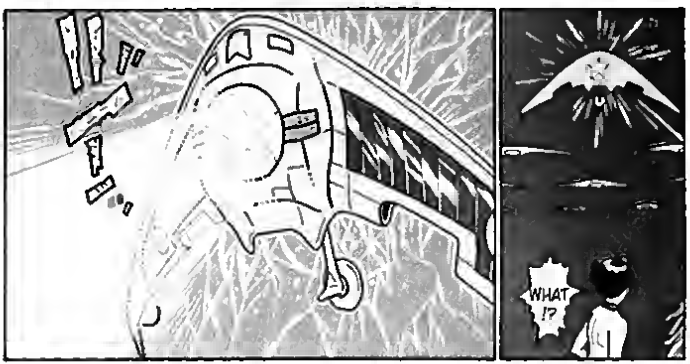


THEY'RE GOING TO BOMB US!! AND USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND TAKE OVER JAPAN!!
HUH?
IT'S THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE!! THEY'VE FINALLY MADE A MOVE!!
K-I!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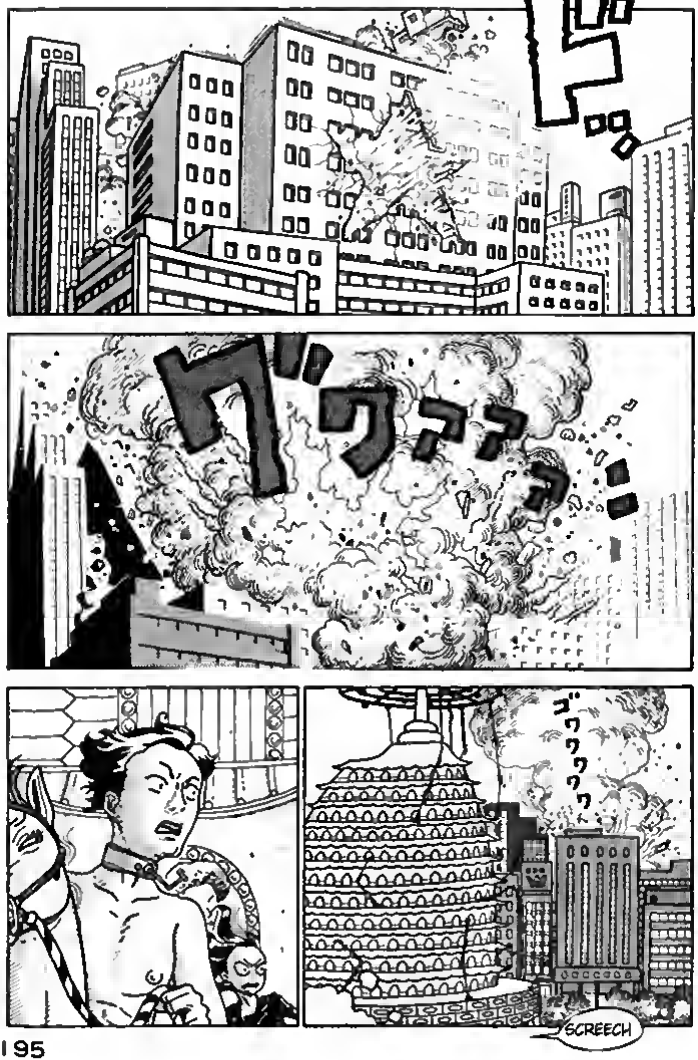
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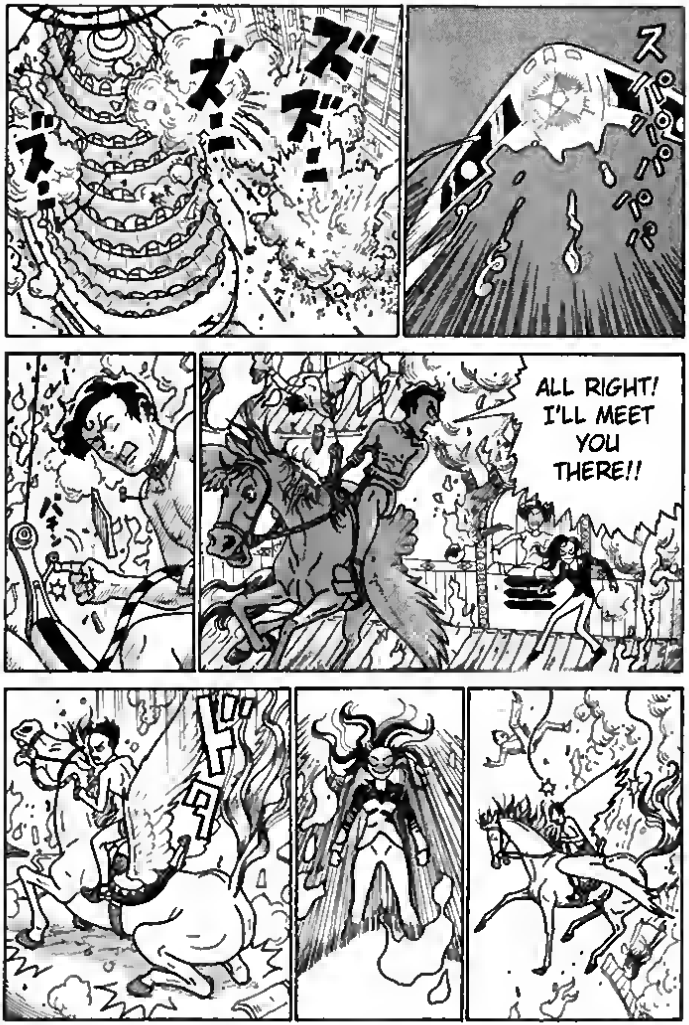
I'LL DIE IN A FASHION FITTING OF THE CITIZENS' TOOL!!
HAH! BRING IT ON!
YOU'RE THE SYMBOL OF THE NATIONAL QUIZ!! THEY'LL COME AFTER YOU FIRST!!
RUN, K-I!!
NANBARA AND HIS FELLOW ANTI-NATIONAL QUIZ ACTIVISTS SHOULD BE RAIDING THE QUIZ MINISTRY EN MASSE AS WE SPEAK!!
DON'T BE STUPID! THOSE PEOPLE DON'T REPRESENT ALL OF JAPAN!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A TOOL OF THE PEOPLE, THEN YOU HAVE TO LEND AN EAR TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN A STAND TOO!!
YOU HAVE TO BE THERE, AND SEE THEM THROUGH TO THE END!
I STILL HAVE SOME-THING LEFT TO DO HERE.
ONCE THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF, I'LL HEAD FOR THE QUIZ MINISTRY!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?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ALL RIGHT! I'LL MEET YOU THERE!!
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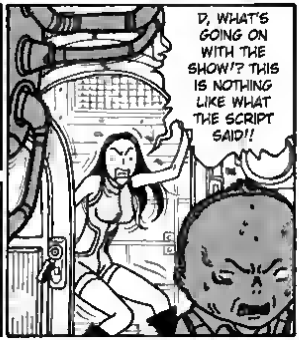
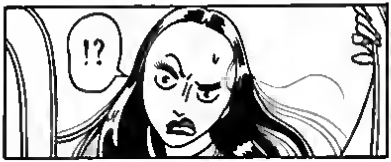
WHAT !?

D!! OUR SIGNAL IS BEING JAMMED, WE AREN'T BROAD-CASTING!!

WHAT THE...!? WHAT'S GOING ON!?

IT'S A WAR!! A WAR HAS STARTED !!
IDIOT, THIS WASN'T MY DOING!!


D, WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE SHOW!? THIS IS NOTHING LIKE WHAT THE SCRIPT SAID!!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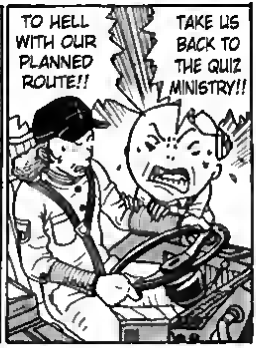
TO HELL WITH OUR PLANNED ROUTE!!
TAKE US BACK TO THE QUIZ MINISTRY!!

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GODDAMNIT ALL TO HELL! SCREW SADOGAJIMA, I'LL NUKE THE ENTIRE PLANET!!
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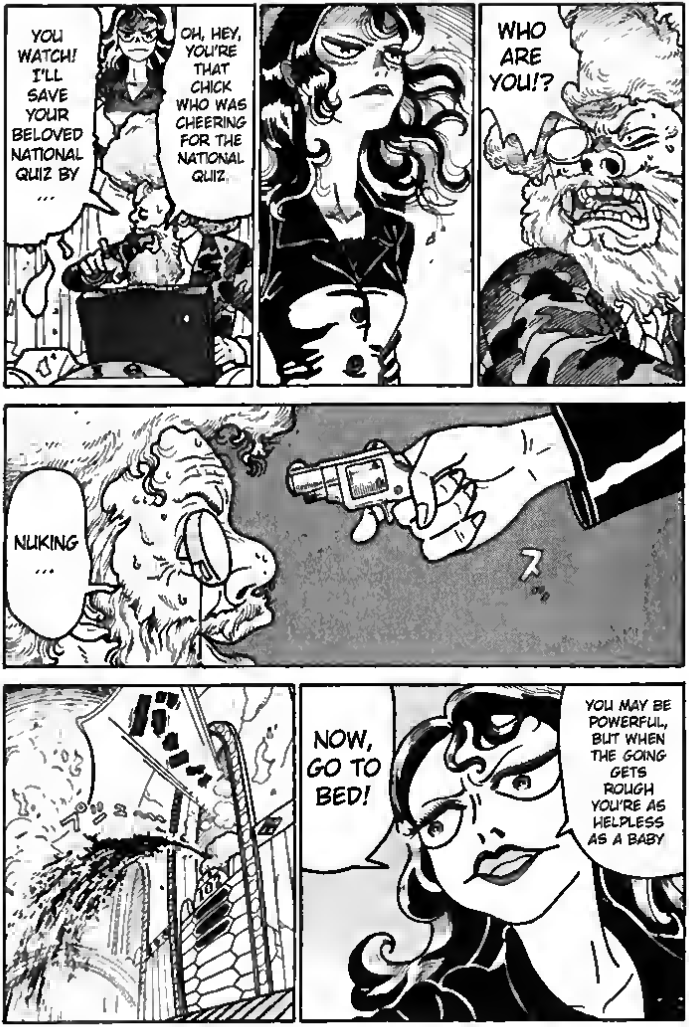
FUCKING AMERICANS, STOP MEDDLING WITH OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS!!


YOU WATCH! I'LL SAVE YOUR BELOVED NATIONAL QUIZ BY ...
OH, HEY, YOU'RE THAT CHICK WHO WAS CHEERING FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ.
WHO ARE YOU!?
NUKING ...
NOW, GO TO BED!
YOU MAY BE POWERFUL, BUT WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH YOU'RE AS HELPLESS AS A BABY

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THOSE GUYS, THEY REALLY ...
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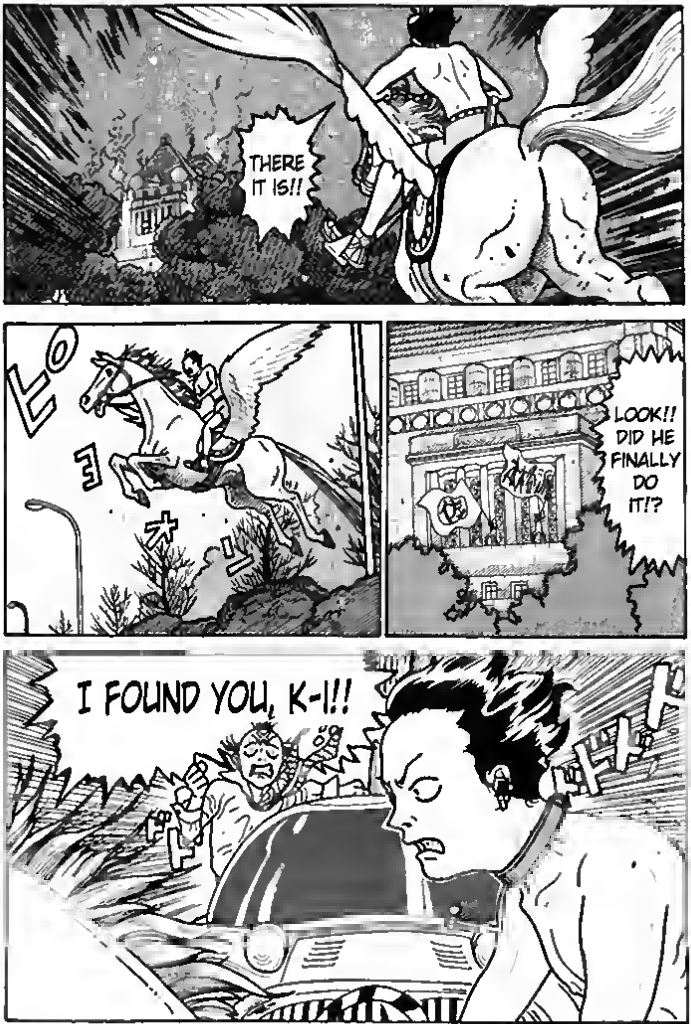
WAIT!
HEY!
K-I, AREN'T YOU GOING TO READ OUT THE FIRST QUESTION YET!?
IS THIS ALL PART OF THE SHOW!?
OUR FIRST QUESTION IS THE TOUGHEST YET SINCE WE FIRST STARTED THE SHOW!!
I'LL PRESENT THE QUESTION TO WHOEVER MAKES IT TO THE VERY END WITH ME!!


THERE IT IS!!
LOOK!! DID HE FINALLY DO IT!?
I FOUND YOU, K-I!!

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WHAT THEY WISHED FOR

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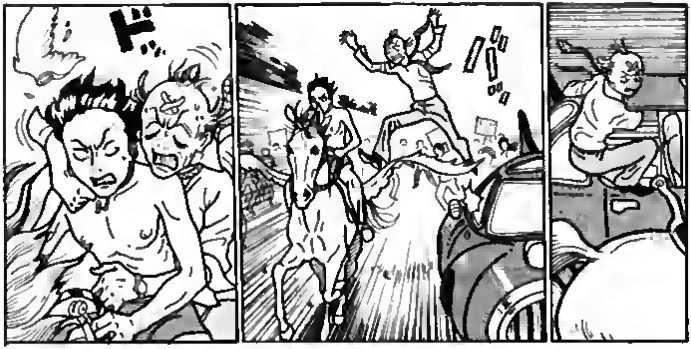
K-I!!
WHEN DID YOU BETRAY US!?

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
I NEVER BETRAYED YOU! BECAUSE I WAS NEVER ON YOUR SIDE TO BEGIN WITH!!
THIS IS THE END FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ!
LOOK AT THOSE HORDES OF PEOPLE!
SEE HOW ANGRY THEY ARE!!
DOWN WITH THE QUIZ!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
YOU MURDERER!
STOP THE QUIZ!!
IT'S K-!!!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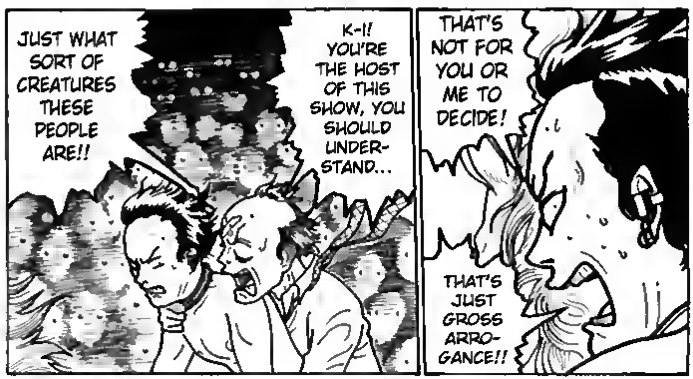
THOSE IDIOTIC POLITICIANS!? OR THESE "AVERAGE CITIZENS" WHO DON'T EVEN BOTHER VOTING!?
AND AFTER YOU DEFEAT THE NATIONAL QUIZ, JUST WHO DO YOU PLAN ON ENTRUSTING TO RUN THIS COUNTRY!?


JUST WHAT SORT OF CREATURES THESE PEOPLE ARE!!
K-I! YOU'RE THE HOST OF THIS SHOW, YOU SHOULD UNDER-STAND...
THAT'S NOT FOR YOU OR ME TO DECIDE!
THAT'S JUST GROSS ARRO-GANCE!!

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THEY'RE JUST HUNGRY PIGS!!
THEY IGNORE THEIR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, TREATING THEM LIKE SHIT, WHILE HAILING THEIR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS TREASURES. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LEAVE THOSE PIGS TO RUN THIS COUNTRY!?
SHUT UP!! QUIT TRYING TO JUSTIFY WHAT YOU'VE DONE!!
THROW THEM SCRAPS, AND THEY'LL GLEEFULLY DEVOUR THEM!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE NATIONAL QUIZ, THE BLOATED GREED AND SELFISHNESS OF THE CITIZENS WOULD HAVE BALLOONED OUT OF CONTROL A LONG TIME AGO!!
THE NATIONAL QUIZ IS THE VERY REASON THE PEOPLE TURNED INTO PIGS!!
WE'RE THE ONES WHO ENCOURAGED THAT TREND!!

HEY, K-I !!
WHAT !
HEY LOOK, K-I'S COMING!!
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WHA ...!!
IT'S BECAUSE THEY CAN DREAM ABOUT WINNING THE QUIZ AND ACHIEVING THEIR DREAMS THAT THE CITIZENS MANAGE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THEIR LIVES!!
BUT WANTING TO OWN YOUR OWN LIVING SPACE IS A NATURAL DESIRE: WE CAN'T TELL THEM TO JUST GIVE IT UP!!
LISTEN, K-I! THERE IS INDEED SOMETHING WRONG WITH A SOCIETY WHERE THE AVERAGE GUY CAN WORK FOR HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND STILL NOT AFFORD A HOUSE IN THE CITY!!

I'LL SHOW YOU...!!
THAT'S A LOAD OF BULL DON'T TRY TO PIN THE RESPONSIBILITY ON SOMEBODY ELSE!!
WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE WISHING FOR!!
IT'S K-I!! I'M COMING THROUGH !!

LET THEM WITNESS THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT!!
ALL RIGHT! LET THE CITIZENS WHO STOOD UP FOR THEMSELVES INTO THE MAIN COURT!
WE DID IT!
YES!
THE QUIZ MINISTRY IS NOW COMPLETELY UNDER OUR CONTROL!!
HUH?
NA... NANBARA ...!!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG!
TH-THERE'S
FUCK OFF!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!

LOOK! THERE ARE THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO WISH FOR A WORLD WITHOUT THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
I WILL OBEY THE WILL OF THOSE PEOPLE, AND ABANDON THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO TO REPENT FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE TO THIS DAY, AS A SELF-PROCLAIMED TOOL OF THE PEOPLE!!
LISTEN CAREFULLY, K-I!
...ARE YOU SURE ?

DON'T END THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY TURN YET!!
I WANT ON THE SHOW!!
ME NEITHER!!
SOME-BODY, LISTEN TO MY WISHES!!
LET ME COMPETE ON THE SHOW!!
KEEP BROADCAST-ING THE NATIONAL QUIZ!!
HOORAY FOR THE QUIZ!!

WE WANT THE QUIZ !!
DON'T STOP !!
KEEP GOING !!
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A NATION ISN'T MADE UP OF JUST POLITICIANS AND BUREAU-CRATS!!
WHAT IS A NATION !? HUH, K-I!?
YOU DUG YOUR OWN GRAVE.
IS REALLY MADE OF...
WHAT A NATION ...
ARE THOSE PEOPLE DOWN THERE!! THEY ARE WHAT CONSTITUTE OUR COUNTRY!!
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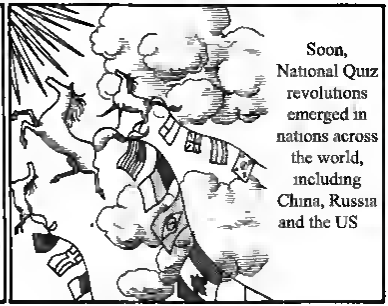
K-I K-ICHI IS RIGHT HERE!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO FIRE, AIM FOR ME!!

I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU SPEND A LONG LIFE OF REGRET AND REPAYMENT!!
OH NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET OFF THAT EASILY!!

The will of the citizens to keep the National Quiz was very strong, and US-led UN forces abandoned their efforts to conquer Japan. Japan now entered the second phase of their National Quiz governance.

Reaffirming that the National Quiz system was the most advanced political system in the world.



Soon, National Quiz revolutions emerged in nations across the world, including China, Russia and the US

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K-i K-ichi

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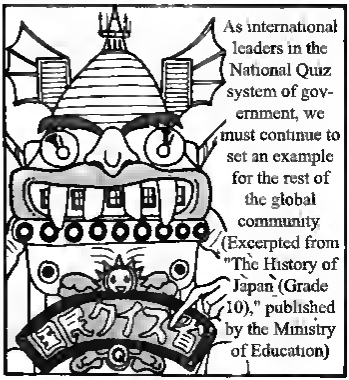

As international leaders in the National Quiz system of government, we must continue to set an example for the rest of the global community

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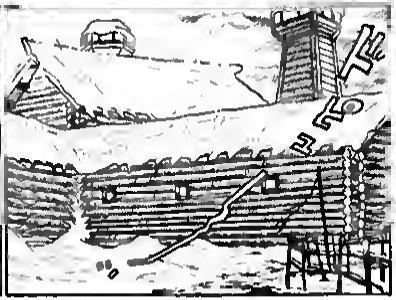
Sentenced to a life term of labor in Siberia."

MY ENTIRE BODY HURTS ...
UHHH.... SO COLD ...



HEY K-I, ARE YOU STILL ALIVE? COME OVER HERE, ITS COLD IN THE CORNER.

I CAN'T REALLY SAY I AGREE WITH YOUR OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSTICATION...
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DON'T GIVE UP: SOMETHING GOOD'S BOUND TO HAPPEN EVENTUALLY, AS LONG AS WE'RE ALIVE

HOW MANY MORE DAYS WILL WE LAST...?

OHHHH, I'D KILL FOR A BEEF BOWL!!
GAHHH
I'LL TAKE AN EGG AND MISO SOUP AS WELL, DAMNIT!
SHUT UP! QUIT REMINDING ME OF THINGS!
OH. SORRY.
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WHAT WAS THAT!?
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MAYBE A METEOR FELL CLOSE BY
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WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

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SHE SHOWED UP IN STYLE!! WE'VE SAVED!!
K-I! IT'S KYOKO !
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
YOU CAME TO RESCUE US!
OH, HE'S DEAD
THIS IS WHERE I'M GOING TO DIE ...
LEAVE ME ALONE ...
K-I, I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU!!
KYO-KOOOOO !!

WE'LL CONTINUE FIGHTING TO DEFEAT THE NATIONAL QUIZ SYSTEM !!
WE WON'T GIVE UP AS LONG AS WE LIVE!
THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO STILL SYMPATHIZE WITH US!!
IN ORDER TO FIGHT, WE NEED FRENZIED ENTHUSIASM! WITH NOTHING BUT A MICROPHONE ...

YOU CAN CREATE THAT FRENZY!!
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